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## JAPANESE START TO BOMB THE BURMA ROAD ON DAY OF REOPENING

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, OCT. 19. (UP).—IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE JAPANESE AIR FORCE HAS STARTED TO BOMB THE BURMA ROAD.

THE JAPANESE NAVAL COMMAND IN SOUTH CHINA ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THAT NAVAL PLANES WERE RAIDING THE INTERIOR OF YUNNAN PROVINCE. "THEY HEAVILY BOMBED KEY BRIDGES OVER THE YUNNAN-BURMA ROUTE", IT WAS CLAIMED.

It is reported that the Japanese also bombed bridges over the Lantsang River near the Burma border.

### Reopening Of Road Described

(By "Reuters" Far Eastern Editor and Former  
Editor Of The "N.C.D. New").

LONDON, Oct. 18.—Seven minutes after midnight the first of 4,000 motor lorries waiting at Lashio for the re-opening of the Burma Road, started the perilous journey to Kunming, the capital of Yunnan.

### INVASION ATTEMPT IS STILL POSSIBLE

#### Britain Cautious

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Oct. 18 (UP).—While there are increasing indications that the Axis intend to divert their drive eastward owing to the waning of the "invasion season" in the west, responsible British circles still refuse to discount the possibility of a feint against England and Ireland to distract attention from the Mediterranean on the eve of thrusts into Egypt or the south-eastern Balkan States.

New reports of concentrations on the west coast of Norway have lent some colour to the idea, to which is added the fact that the Royal Air Force recently concentrated on the invasion ports of Cherbourg, Brest and Lorient, all of which would be more adaptable for a sortie against Ireland rather than England.

The interception of a German flotilla by a British scouting force which was announced to-day is indicative of the close watch the British are keeping on the French coast.

### The R.A.F. Devastate Germany Terrific Pounding

LONDON, Oct. 18 (Reuters).—Reports from reliable neutral sources about the devastating effect of Royal Air Force raids were received in London to-day. One such report says that five ships were sunk in Hamburg harbour in one recent attack. Out of 75 cranes, only seven were working. Most of the handling of the cargo was carried out slowly and laboriously by derricks.

In Berlin, says another report, some of the main gas works have been badly damaged. Factories producing vital war materials have been partly wrecked and considerable damage has been done to railways. Transportation, too, is suffering. A traveller bound for the Rhineland found that it took three days to do the journey which normally takes 12 hours, while other travellers say that they have to change their train six times in what is normally a straight run.

**Plant Closed Down**  
One big aluminium plant has been closed for several weeks, while a

### America & Philippine Resources

#### Washington Talks

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (UP).—It is learned that Sr. Joaquin Elizalde, Resident Commissioner, has been summoned to confer with defence officials concerning the stores of strategic materials in the Philippines, particularly hemp. It is understood that the meeting is scheduled to be held next Tuesday and Wednesday. Coincidentally, Sr. Elizalde and Jose Yulo, Speaker of the Philippine Assembly, have secured an appointment with Colonel Henry Stimson, Secretary of War, next Tuesday to discuss general plans of Phil-American defence cooperation.

#### Complete Canvass

It is understood that the planners are mainly interested in Manila hemp for which the United States depends upon the Philippines exclusively, but they also want a canvass of chrome, iron and manganese deposits which might be available. Philippine sources denied emphatically that it is expected to discuss an possible Philippine embargo on abaca and hemp shipments to Japan, but Americans believe that the defence commission might quiz Sr. Elizalde on possible co-operation in controlling the flow of Philippine exports to Japan.

LONDON, Oct. 18 (Reuters).—The remote possibility of air attacks over Sydney has not been overlooked, says the Sydney radio. Plans are already being made for the provision of public shelters and the removal of children to inland shelters in the event of raids.

### Vichy Determined To Negotiate With Thai

Special to the "Telegraph"

BANGKOK, Oct. 18 (UP).—Thai Foreign Office officials said they are negotiating now to ascertain the extent of the French Mission's authority. They said that as far as is known the Commission will arrive between October 20 and 25.

The French Minister was at the Foreign Office yesterday and again to-day and it is understood that he discussed the Commission question. It is officially stated that the Government has decided to renew their requests and are "determined to continue the negotiations." The Premier is planning a tour of the northeastern frontier provinces next week and will broadcast to the nation at 7 p.m. on Sunday.

**Many Arrests**  
The Bureau of Publicity announced to-day that the French are daily

The drivers, who were entertained to a farewell banquet and promised wine and a feast on their arrival at Kunming, stoutly declared that they were not afraid of savage Japanese threats to bomb them out of existence. The lorries, painted a dirty green, will travel mostly at night time, while army coolies are spread along the road to repair any damage.

Since the road was closed three months ago, the Chinese, confident that it would be re-opened, have accumulated in the mountains war and other materials besides petrol at the Burma end. It is estimated that 100,000 tons of cargo are ready at Lashio and another 500,000 tons at Rangoon.

#### Only Sea Road

Since Indo-China is irrevocably closed to the Chinese by Vichy's surrender of the colony to the Japanese, the Burma Road is China's only means of access to the sea and is doubly valuable both for imports and as a channel for exporting silk, wool, tea, hides, wolfram and the much-prized wood oil which China alone produces.

The road may be justly regarded as one of the wonders of the world. Its total length is 722 miles, of which 124 miles had already been constructed by the Burma Government from Lashio to the frontier, while the 281 miles westwards from Kunming, built two years before, was part of the Chinese Government's nation-wide road-building scheme. The remainder

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### Evacuating Shanghai

#### American Families

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
SHANGHAI, Oct. 19 (UP).—Three hundred additional women and children applied for evacuation reservations aboard American President liners yesterday bringing the total throughout the Orient to 3,600.

The local press, surveying the position has concluded that there has been no panic and no excitement. The survey indicated that practically no American children will be remaining in Shanghai by December.

### ASSASSINATION IN SHANGHAI

#### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Oct. 18 (UP).—A Chinese gunman to-day shot and killed Mr. Lee Kung-lin, manager of the Dollar Hotel.

Mr. Lee was known to have been involved in politics for many years, but it is not believed that he was recently connected with any political groups.

### Hitler's Attempted Invasion

LONDON, Oct. 18 (Reuters).—It is now established from reliable neutral quarters that Hitler had chosen September 16 for his invasion of England, when he had the harvest full moon and the highest tides of the year in his favour. The air force was lined up and an enormous fleet of barges and other vessels was loaded with troops. The air-advance guard consisting of colossal mass formations was then launched.

The R.A.F.'s reply to all this, however, was to bring down at least 185 planes and then open its own "blitz" on the Channel hide-outs of the would-be invaders.

Zero hour found the Germans in confusion and the orders to advance were at first suspended and then, under continued R.A.F. battering, were called off.

### Nazi Warships Flee From R. N. Into Brest

LONDON, Oct. 18 (Reuters).—A quite different complexion is put on the naval action "In the Bristol Channel," reported by the German High Command, by information issued in London here it is stated authoritatively that no naval action occurred near the Bristol Channel; it adds that the German version of the "brush" which happened elsewhere, are "wildly inaccurate." A joint Admiralty and Air Ministry communique states that yesterday morning four German destroyers were sighted by the Coastal Command aircraft steaming west off Brest.

In low visibility British light forces proceeded at high speed to intercept and endeavour to bring the enemy to action.

During the afternoon, visibility cleared and soon after midday, one British cruiser engaged the enemy at extreme range. In a position about 100 miles south-west of Land's End, the enemy destroyers retired precipitately when engaged. Our forces gave chase but in the falling light the Germans escaped into Brest.

During the pursuit, enemy aircraft twice attacked the British ships but obtained no hits. R.A.F. bombers attacked the enemy. A bomb was seen to fall near the bow of an enemy destroyer but the results of the attack were not ascertainable in the gathering gloom.

Replying specifically to German claims to have torpedoed a British warship, the communique stated: "No damage was sustained by any of our ships."

### More Areas Declared Protected

The whole area of the Colony—with two exceptions—has been declared a protected place under the Defence Regulations.

A special clause exempts travellers on the Star and Yaumati Ferries direct services.

The exempted areas are those within the following bounds:—The north shore from Hill Road to the eastern end of Tung Lo Wan Road; Causeway Bay; Tung Lo Wan Road from its eastern end to its junction with Tai Hang Road; Tai Hang Road; Bowen Road; Garden Road; between Bowen and Robinson Roads; the eastern end of Robinson Road to Park Road; Park Road; Bonham Road from its junction with Park Road to Hill Road; Hill Road; The shore line from Cheung Wah Street, Cheung Sha Wan, to Blackhead Point, Tsim Sha Tsui; Castle Peak Road from Cheung Wah Street to Tai Po Road; Tai Po Road from Castle Peak Road to Boundary Street; Boundary Street from Tai Po Road to the Kowloon-Canton Railway bridge; eastern side of the Kowloon-Canton Railway from Boundary Street to Cornwall Street; Cornwall Street; Waterloo Road from Cornwall Street to Boundary Street; Boundary Street from Waterloo Road to Gramplan Road; Gramplan Road; Carpenter Road from Gramplan Road to Kak Hang Tsun Road; Kak Hang Tsun Road; Prince Edward Road from Kak Hang Tsun Road to Tam Kung Road; Tam Kung Road; Ma Tau Wei Road from Tam Kung Road to Chatham Road; Chatham Road.

LONDON, Oct. 18 (Reuters).—Herr Rust, the Nazi Minister of Education, who is now in Bulgaria, has been received by King Boris.

### HIS BLITZKRIEG DAYS ARE OVER



This young German pilot, hobbling along on two sticks, and his blitzkrieg days are over. He and his plane were forced to land in England, the pilot badly wounded. He was immediately captured and in this picture he is seen on his way to an internment camp under armed escort.

### SEPTEMBER TOLL OF RAIDS

7,000 Killed; Half Wounded

LONDON, Oct. 18 (Reuters).—The grim truth of the assertion that British women are in the front-line equally with the men is forthcoming in the official air raid casualty list for September.

Of nearly 7,000 killed throughout the United Kingdom, well over half were women.

The actual figures were 6,954 civilians killed and 10,616 seriously injured. Adult males killed numbered 3,077 and seriously injured 5,409. Adult females killed numbered 3,188 and seriously injured 4,581. In all, 694 children under 16 were killed and 675 injured.

#### Lull Over Britain

LONDON, Oct. 18 (Reuters).—Another lull in the air war over Britain.

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### Planes Torpedoed Seamen

#### Australian Fliers

LONDON, Oct. 18 (Reuters).—A dramatic rescue of 21 survivors of a torpedoed ship has been performed by a Sunderland flyingboat manned by members of an Australian Air Force squadron attached to the Coastal Command.

The flyingboat landed on the Atlantic nearly 200 miles from the nearest point of land, and took on board 21 survivors who had been in a lifeboat for three and a half days.

The Sunderland flew back to its base while the men had breakfast on board.

#### Channel Guns

LONDON, Oct. 18 (Reuters).—Soon after daybreak to-day, British guns fired at intervals through a blanket of mist over the sea.

German guns across the Channel opened fire shortly before noon on the Dover area. Shelling was resumed three times later on the same area.

### Axis Will Oil Itself At Rumania's Expense

LONDON, Oct. 18 (Reuters).—"Reuters" correspondent in Rumania says that Germany's immediate and urgent notice is focused on the exploitation of Rumania's oil.

Oil production has dropped to 1,200 wagons a day, mainly owing to transport difficulties, territorial changes, mobilisation and demobilisation of Rumanian troops.

Annual production is down some 4,000,000 tons as compared with a normal of 8,000,000 tons. Production has been drastically restricted.

Because the reservoirs are overflowing, the transport system is already taking its full load. If the Danube freezes as hard this winter as it did the last, the transport problem will become worse. It is not surprising that a Rumanian mission is being sent to Berlin to review the whole position.

### Hoare Still In Rumania

LONDON, Oct. 18 (Reuters).—Reports that Sir Reginald Hoare, who is now in Bulgaria, has been received by King Boris.

### China Service Medal

#### For U.S. Sailors & Marines

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (UP).—The Navy Department has authorised a special medal for officers and men of the Asiatic Fleet and the Marine Corps who served in the Far East during the Sino-Japanese war.

The medal will be known as The China Service Medal and will be given to all officers and men serving between July 7, 1937 and a date that is yet to be determined.

Admiral Harry Yarnell, retired, recommended the medal because of the "difficult operations imposed on vessels and shore units."

### LATEST

See Back Page For  
Further Late News



Los Angeles, Oct. 18.  
Noel Coward sailed to-day aboard  
the Monterey on route for Sydney,  
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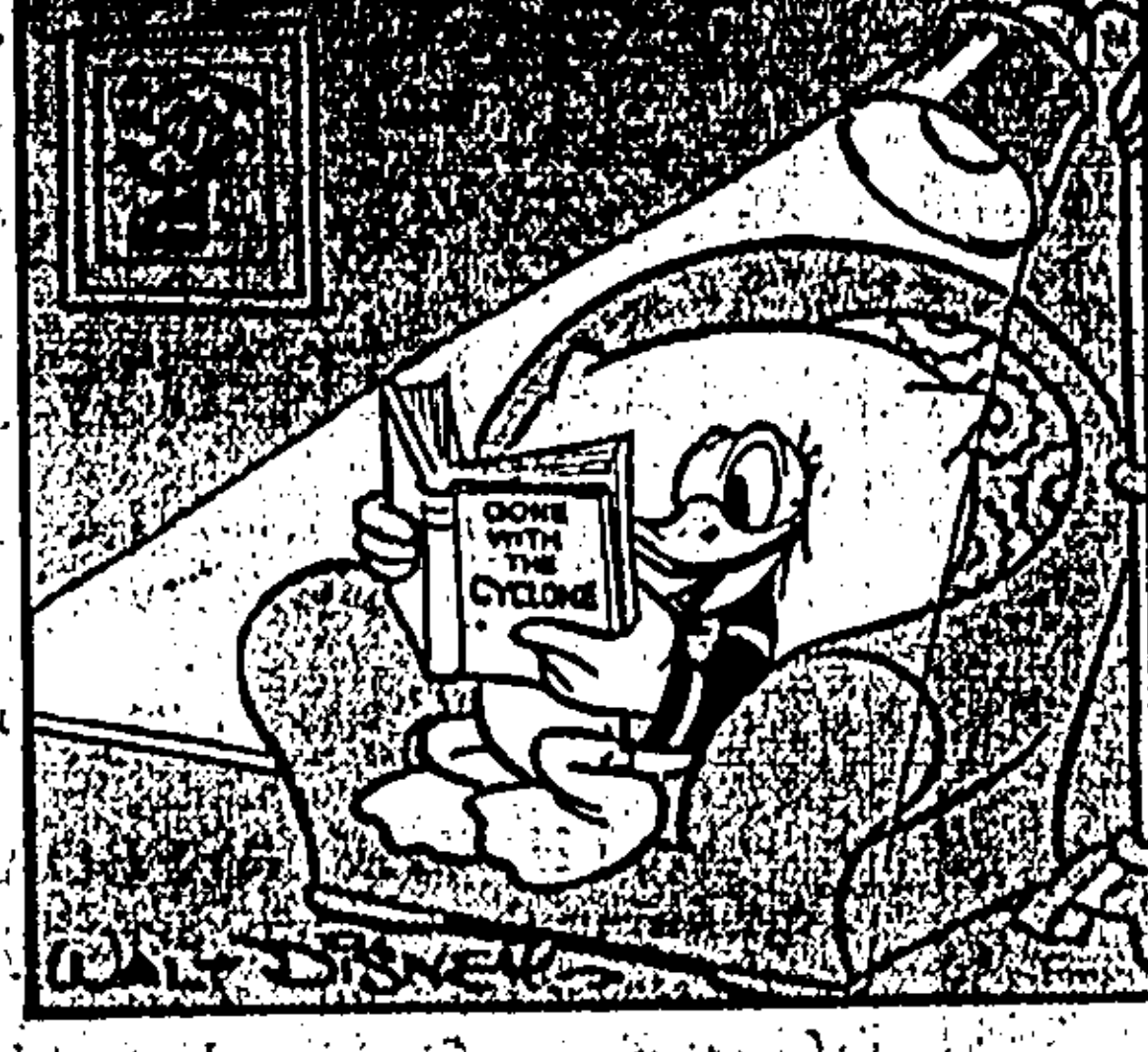
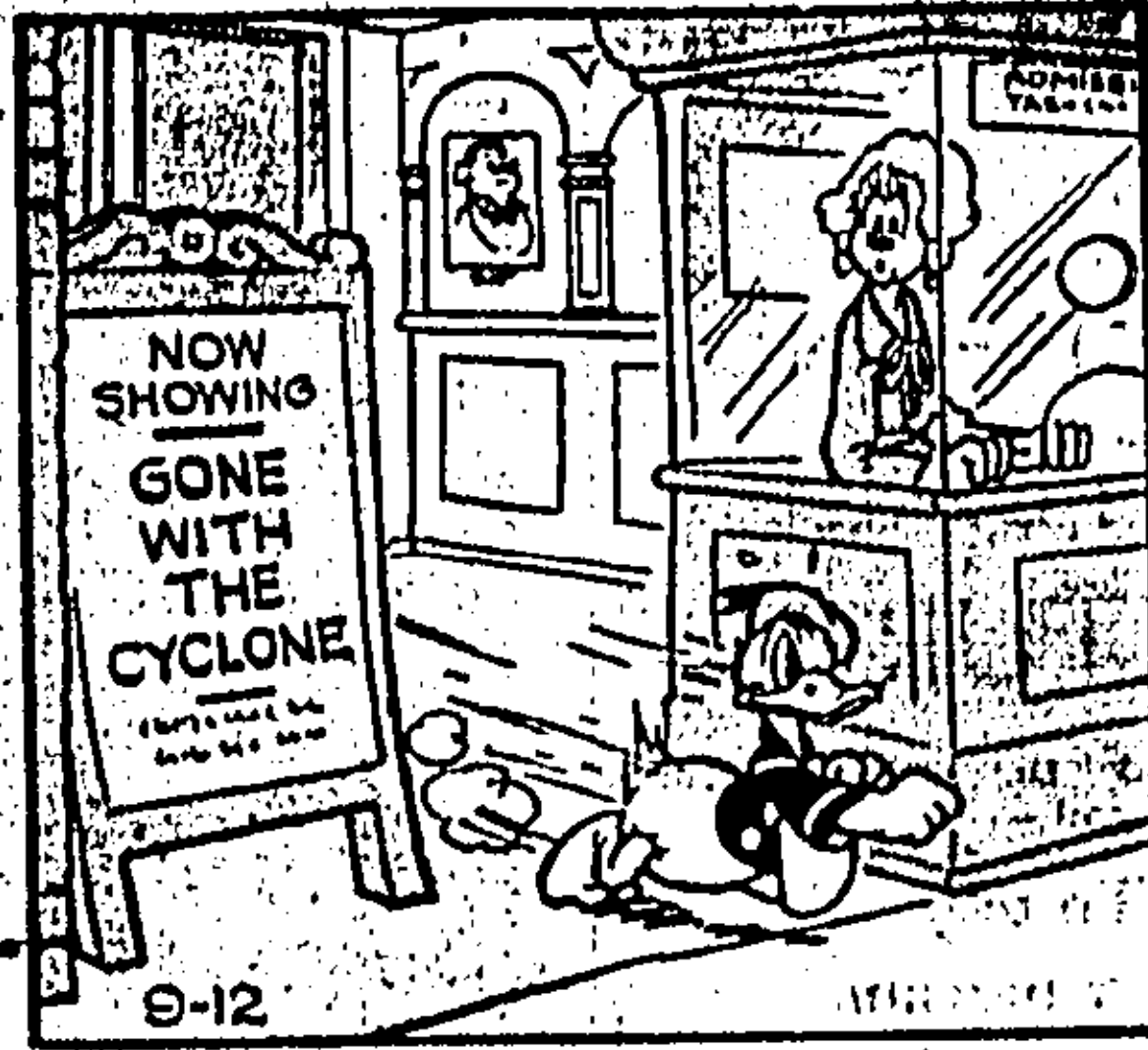
Mr. L. A. Scopes, British Vice-Consul in Canton, has been transferred to Saigon and will be leaving with Mrs. Scopes and their infant daughter as soon as transportation is available. He will be replaced by

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## BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Could not ZBW intermingle a little more seriousness in its programmes?

This poser arose the other evening when the local programmes were being discussed. It was averred that there is far too much trashy jazz and comedy these days and far too little seriousness.

I am not one of those who believes that we should avoid the lighter vein just because there is a war, but I do feel that more might be put over the air in the way of British items of international interest.

Apart from short talks from London, little appears to be done to tell China exactly what Great Britain is fighting for. It must be remembered that ZBW ranks as quite an important station in the Far East, listened to by a large audience throughout China and adjacent countries.

Surely a little informative matter might be injected into the programmes on the general situation, especially as it may concern this Colony. Also, why not an occasional talk in Japanese?

The stations in Japan are courteous enough to broadcast in English, so why should not Hongkong return the compliment and send out special talks and news for the benefit of Japanese listeners. I would willingly forego a few hours of jazz each week. What about it ZBW?

Some of the ladies who pleaded so volubly before the Evacuation Tribunal this week, lost a certain amount of sympathy on account of their unreasonableness.

To make dire threats is not helpful, and even though they, or some of them, may be conscious of their handicap as members of the weaker sex, they should be a little more practical and helpful.

One sympathises with every woman who has been compelled to dismantle her home and depart for a strange country, but if it is considered to be necessary by those who may see a little more on the horizon than most of us, there is nothing to do but to bow to the inevitable. But for the bungling in the first place and the belief that discrimination existed, all of this bother might have been avoided.

Actually, the outlook this week appears to be more favourable than for some months past. In spite of the Japanese having announced their closer adhesion to the Berlin-Rome Axis, it is very doubtful whether they will be prepared to antagonise Britain and America to any really pronounced extent.

The suggestion that a non-aggression pact may be concluded between Russia and Japan is not without its significance. Russia is undoubtedly watching German infiltration into the Balkans very carefully, and not without apprehension.

She might very well come to some agreement with Japan, but surely it would be illogical for the latter to endeavour to co-operate more closely with Germany, for by so doing, Russia would not be at all pleased. The firmness of the attitude of the United States is perhaps the greatest factor in determining Japanese future policy.

★ ★ ★  
 The Far East appears to be a particularly favoured part of the world for the nomadic journalist. Young men manage to make their way here, and very soon pour out effusions to overseas newspapers on the Far East.

What is the matter with it—and why? Some write columns of utter rubbish to indicate to readers elsewhere, that the Far East is finished as far as European nations are concerned.

The rave and rant, and rarely base their arguments on fact. It does not occur apparently either to them or to the newspapers which publish their "stories"—that neither Japan nor China can hope to exist and prosper without being able to trade in every market in the world.

Imagine both of these countries cut off from international commercial intercourse, and then think whether the day of the foreigner is over in the Far East.

JOHN BLUNT



CAUGHT — AND HELD

## Mr. PEPYS Telegraph Saturday Feature

## in HONGKONG

10th Oct. Lay late it being the Double Tenth and holiday, yet I am about in my garden by ten of the clock and do give some instructions to my Fa Wong. And when I do climb down the ladder which leads to my vegetable garden, for so only I come at it, I do find two rungs broken, and mighty perilous, and I must ask the Comptroller of Works that it be set in order.

The tomatoes, though late and but six inches high, look healthy and my radishes and beans come up well. To my office for an hour and thence to the Snake Pit where I meet Mistress Betty who is alone, for her Lord loves not the Races. So, we do drink a glass of wine and thence by motor hackney to the Valley where I find my other guests, and there drink some sherries suck in the Clubbe Box

until Mr. Calbeck comes. And it is the first time that he takes his luncheon with me at the Races, though I have taken mine with him times beyond counting.

But it was with the greatest difficulty I did constrain him to come. Then to luncheon where we had all very merry and did make a table sweepstake. But Lord! it was the naughtiest thing possible for I, though being host, do draw three ponies and later in the afternoon they did all three come in first, second, and third.

11th Oct. After luncheon Mrs. Fortnum must needs leave us but the rest do meet again in Mr. Calbeck's box, at a half after five, and do taste his hospitality. Drove back in Mr. Keith's car with Mistress Betty who departs to Kowloon, and hee and I to the Clubbe for a possett. Being very weary I do go home early and there I eat a dish of eggs, and so to bed.

12th Oct. Somewhat troubled by the threat of a flu in the head and a cold, I do bed very early. Slept very ill last night and had I not important business there, I had praetermitted to go to my office. But in these days many matters cannot wait so I drag myself there, though I do confess

that at a half after eleven I do hasten to the Clubbe for five minutes and drink a glass of eau-de-vie, which restores me somewhat.

13th Oct. The weather being not too ill, I did watch the Cricket where Mr. A. Pearce hits a pretty seventy three. My old acquaintance Mr. Mina, bowls well albeit the month is Ramadan and hee is fasting. Home early and rejoice to feel somewhat better, so I do take some aspirin and to bed by nine of the clock.

14th Oct. Slept twelve hours and do feel myself again. Busy with the Fa Wong for an hour and then reading in the garden tho' alas! there be no sunshine. Shortly after noon my guests begin to come, first Mrs. Timm and her Lord, and later Major Cyril, this being the first time hee has ever been to my house, or so I believe. Among comes Captain Cakes, and Mr. A. Jay and my neighbour, and wee do converse of this and that.

15th Oct. Ba too joins the party but is very wild and rushes about. But it seems hee learns apiece to climb trees, and I believe his leg mends apace.

Much talk of the evacuation and it is agreed that there is a confusion of issues, for while some do anathematize the evacuation itself, others do bitterly complain of favouritism and false exemptions.

As for the folk, who demand why the Chinese women and children are not evacuated, wee do agree that the Government would be blythe to give a large reward to anyone who could produce a feasible plan whereby a million or so Chinese women and children could be evacuated, and to what place.

16th Oct. All very merry at luncheon and when my guests be gone, at work ordering my new study and later to the Peake Clubbe for a book. Ate a rissole to my dinner and so to bed.

17th Oct. Walking upon my leads I find that my pansy seeds germinate well, as indeed all do except some phlox. Which puts me somewhat at a stonde as I have never had any trouble with them before. The cress goes well and I tell the Fa Wong to plant the white mustard this day.

18th Oct. Busy all day at the office and then to my exertion with the train-bands, but this turns out to be a lecture upon the arms of an infantry battalion. And to this I do pay much attention, and it comes into my mind that upon no condition will I operate an anti-tank rifle.

19th Oct. To my office pretty betimes, for all that I had cut my chin while trimming myself and could not stop the blood until I did affix a large and unsightly piece of elastoplast. But the letter from my wife which I had hoped to find was not there.

Very busy all day at the office and after at the Clubbe.

20th Oct. This morning still no letter and it seems there is not one at which I am mighty perturbed, for it is now nigh upon two months from the date of the last letter written by my wife, poor wretch, who I do verily believe, writes regularly. And I fear that some may be lost.

21st Oct. To-day comes a chit from Mr. D. Wilson with some Carnation seeds which he had promised me, and I am mighty glad to get them as I have no others. But I fear they will hardly come to bloom before the fogge comes in.

22nd Oct. Up betimes, and did trim myself with great pleasure for the previous day I had been forced to praetermit the operation owing to the cut. And to goe unshaven for a day is as miserable a thing as I know.

23rd Oct. To the office where I begin to feel somewhat unwell, owing as I verily believe, to the typhoid injection which my chyrurgeon did give me yestereve, and which should have reacted last night. Yet I had no ill effects save a mighty sore arm until about ten of the clock to-day.

24th Oct. Talking at the Clubbe of the gollant action fought by the King's frigate Ajax which seems a boat of good fortune. And shee had done more, I doubt not, had not the Italian ships fled as is their wont when it seems they may have to fight. Home early and so to bed.

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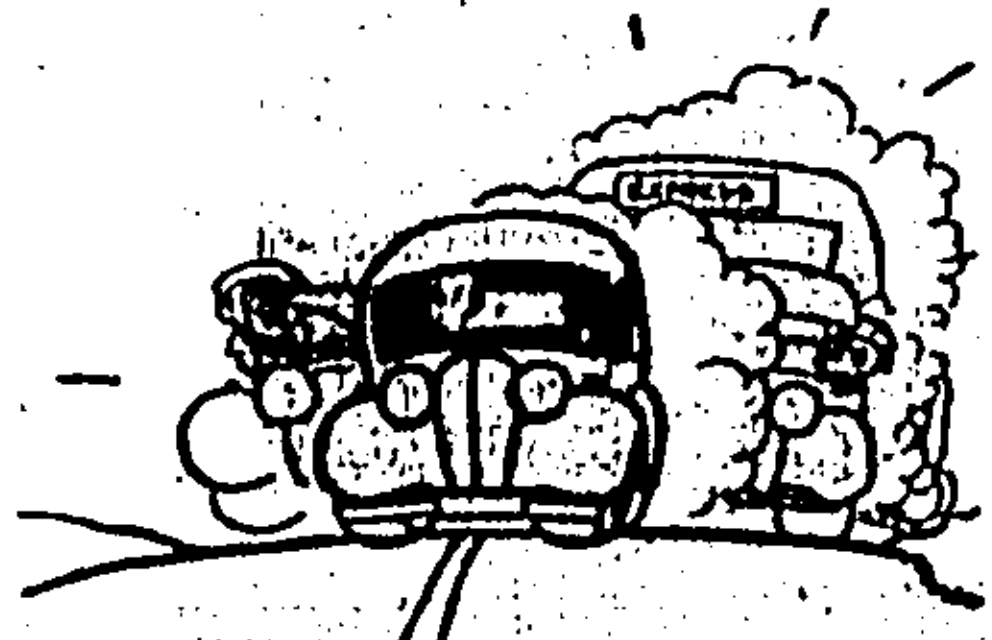
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# Garrison Sports Notes

## R. Scots Challenger For Bantamweight Title

### ARMY BOXING TOURNEYS SOON

(By "Jake")

WITH THE APPROACH of the Army Boxing Tournaments, which are due to begin shortly, Service boxers are not only working themselves into a condition of perfect fitness, but also into state of anxious enthusiasm. I need not dwell upon the popularity of these contests with both Military and civilian sportsmen, for the Press of Hongkong has often made mention of the fact.

In the person of Pte. Corrigan, of the Royal Scots, is a confident boxer who is ready to fare outside Military circles and don gloves as challenger to any bantamweight in the three Services. He is claimed bantamweight champion in the Colony, insofar as the Army is concerned, and after an absence of about a year he is ready again to enter the ring.

This gesture is a sporting one as Corrigan is fully aware of the opposition he will meet outside, but his ring prowess will stand him in good stead and make him a formidable opponent for anyone.

Boxing, however, is not Corrigan's only recreation. He is an exceptionally keen footballer, and I believe, he will soon be given a chance for one of the more well-known local Clubs.

Many will know him as the winner of the Kowloon Marathon race last year, and he is the personification of the Garrison's motto of "Keep Fit". Returning to his boxing activities, he is now a very busy man, as in last year he beat Noble, of the Middlesex Regiment, then Colony Champion, on points, and with this recent challenge accepted, amateur boxing should obtain an encouraging start.

### Football

A fast and strenuous game of soccer took place on Tuesday at Chatham Road when the Detachment Combined Military Hospital team beat Kumaon Rifles by the only goal of the match—which was netted from the "spot" by Cpl. Harvey.

The game was very even up to the interval, but shortly before half-time the Kumaons were penalised for a foul on Hart, R.A.S.C., who had been playing a very steady game as centre-forward. Harvey scored with a low drive well out of reach of the Kumaons' goal-keeper.

The persistent play of Kumaons kept the Detachment guessing and well on their toes. Cpl. Fisher, R.A.V.C., was an excellent centre-half, keeping the ball well up towards the opposing goal. Taylor, R.A.S.C., was prominent at back.

Towards the end, Kumaons made several determined attempts to level matters, but on each occasion were held by the Detachment defence.

### R.A. Defeated

COMBINED Military Hospital played the H.K.S.R.A. the following day, Wednesday, and though rain fell and somewhat spoiled the game in that the ball was slippery and hard to control, the match was thoroughly enjoyed.

Bombardier Birrell, R.A., was responsible for the first goal, which was rather a fortunate one, for the Medicals' keeper was unable to hold the slippery ball. This was scored towards the end of the first half, and was a fair reward for the Gunners' efforts.

Shortly before full time, Hodgkinson, C.M.H., retired through injuries, and Jaws came up from left half. It was soon after this change that the Hospital team drew level. Jaws shot from almost level with the goal-line, and aided considerably by the wind, the ball curved into the net.

### Billiards And Snooker

Billiards and Snooker broke ground on Thursday night, when at Bowen Road the Officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps and Indian Medical Services played the Other Ranks and were beaten by four matches to one.

This engagement, it is believed, is the first of its kind in the annals of Military Billiards Tournaments in the Garrison. The social fraternity between the Officers and other Ranks proved a pleasant occasion, and it is hoped that other Units will emulate the example.

The Officers were represented by Major A. Rosenbloom I.M.S., Captain J. Reidy I.M.S., Captain Lynch R.A.M.C., Lieut. Taylor R.A.M.C. and Lieut. Dixon R.A.M.C. The Other Ranks were S/Sgt. Terrans, Sgt. Hayman, Cpl. Harvey, L/Cpl. Noble and Pte. James.

## U. M. Omar Deserves To Win

### First International Matches To-morrow

(By "Wick")

THERE CAN'T be many people unprepared to acclaim U. M. Omar as Singles Champion for 1940, and, personally, in the consistency of his form at the moment I cannot imagine his being beaten. He has triumphed over four good men to date, and in three of those matches he bowled with amazing brilliance to overcome opposition that to most others would have been insurmountable.

It was a co-incidence that in those three games, in which his opponents were J. McKelvie, A. J. Hall and A. Hyde-Lay respectively, he lost ground badly in the initial stages, before bringing forth the recovery powers of a match-winning temperament that stamps him as one of the best, if not the best, lawn bowls single player in the Colony.

It will be a real surprise if he falls in either of the rounds remaining—the semi-finals and the final. He has been drawn against M. R. Abbas for the semi-finals next week, and well as Abbas has played to reach the penultimate round, I find it hard to visualise his beating Omar.

IN the other semi-final, M. N. Rakusen meets F. J. Jones, and the "book" should be in Jones' favour. Spectators talked for quite some time about the Jones-W. J. Howard match on Tuesday, Jones, over the first heads, was unbeatable, and ran into a fairly surprised, but were only faintly surprised, but when Howard proceeded on his long chase and not only caught up but passed his opponent and eventually led 20-10 those watching were almost hopping.

Those last three heads wherein Jones scored 1, 3 and 3 and to win will long be remembered, but it also showed that he has a match temperament that equals that of Omar. There have been no such great matches in Rakusen's path to the semi-finals, though he has shown himself to be a wide-awake strategist not only able to match his opponent's tactics with the like but able to beat them at their own game.

These two matches will take place on Thursday next, and the players have been requested to try and make an early start, for the light falls early these months. On Thursday, Rakusen finished his match against T. A. Madar in the almost darkness, though it was not long after six o'clock.

First matches in the International Tournament will be played to-morrow at the Kowloon Football Club. The schedule is:  
China v. Philippines  
India v. Portugal  
Ireland v. Malaya  
The teams selected for the various countries are:  
China—S. C. Wong, Y. H. Tang, W. Hong Sling and J. Pau.  
Philippines—H. A. Castro, A. E. H. Castro, V. N. Allenza and R. Basa.  
India—A. H. Rumlajn, A. M. Rumlajn, K. M. Omar and U. M. Omar.  
Portugal—J. A. Luz, R. F. Luz, F. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva.  
Ireland—C. Dowman, A. Wright, H. Lockhart and W. V. Field.  
Malaya—A. M. Wahab, S. Yusuf, A. Bakar and M. R. Abbas.  
These are the six teams that clash to-morrow, and the remaining selections are:  
Scotland—W. McLeod, R. Morrison, J. C. Chalmers and R. Duncan.  
England—G. Perkins, W. J. Bogley, G. H. Sherriff and A. Hall.  
Wales—R. R. Davies, R. M. Ogden, J. E. Henson and F. Cunningham.  
Australia—N. A. E. Mackay, W. K. Way, A. J. Kew and E. C. Fincher.  
Switzerland—L. Caddi, W. Naef, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rosset.

Of the matches to-morrow, that between China and the Philippines should be very even, that between India and Portugal should be the best to see with the odds in Portugal's favour, while in the remaining match Ireland should beat Malaya.

## WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Following are the football fixtures for the week-end:—

### To-day

#### FIRST DIVISION

Eastern v. Kowloon  
(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)  
Middlesex v. South China  
(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)

#### SECOND DIVISION

Service Corps v. Club  
(Caroline Hill, 3.15 p.m.)  
Middlesex v. South China  
(Sookunpoo, 3.15 p.m.)  
Kowloon v. Navy  
(Kowloon, 3.00 p.m.)  
30th R.A. v. Kilt Chee  
(Military, 3.15 p.m.)

#### THIRD DIVISION

20th R.A. v. 24th R.A.  
(Kowloon, 3.15 p.m.)  
30th R.A. v. Service Corps  
(St. Joseph's, 3.15 p.m.)  
Shell v. 33th R.A.  
(Military, 3.00 p.m.)  
R.A.F. v. Engineers  
(Chatham, 3.15 p.m.)  
12th R.A. v. Signals  
(St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)

### Sunday

#### FIRST DIVISION

Sing Tao v. Navy  
(Club, 4.30 p.m.)  
St. Joseph's v. Police  
(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)  
R. Scots v. Kwong Wah  
(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)

#### SECOND DIVISION

Sing Tao v. Ordnance  
(Club, 3.15 p.m.)  
Engineers v. Police  
(Caroline Hill, 3.15 p.m.)  
R. Scots v. Kwong Wah  
(Sookunpoo, 3.15 p.m.)

#### THIRD DIVISION

International v. 7th R.A.  
(Chatham Road, 3.15 p.m.)  
A.S.A. v. R.A.M.C.  
(Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)

### International A. C. XI

The following will represent the International Athletic Club in a Third Division football match against the 7th Battery, R.A. on Sunday at 4.30 p.m. on the Chatham Road ground:

S. Bux; V. M. Marques and D. A. Quino; W. Wilkinson, A.A. Rumlajn and H. Campos; F. W. Iley, R. Rocha, F. Santos, A. Leonard and W. Sprinkle.

Reserves—J. Tavares, A. Rocha, I. Castilho and A. Elarte.

### SPORTS ADVT.

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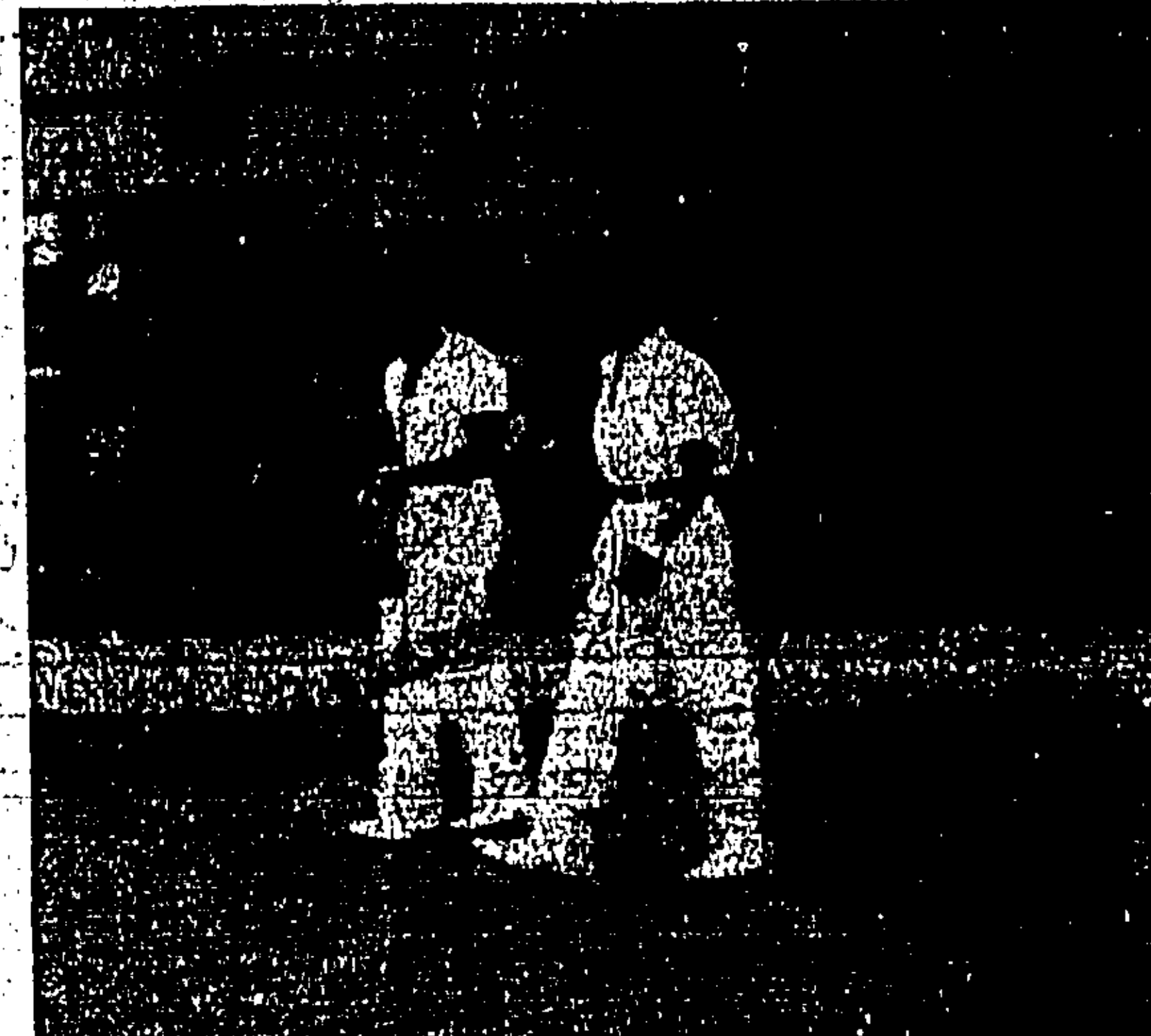
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## RECREIO OPENING BATSMEN



The Gossano brothers, L. G. and J. M., opening for Recreio against the Kowloon C.C. last Saturday. The K.C.C. won by 78 runs.—Staff Photographer.

## Distasteful Sequel To Harbour Race

### What Could Be Attained By The Enquiry?

(By "Tinker")

THE UNPLEASANT taste of the enquiry following the swimming of this year's harbour race lingers on. And it will linger for quite some time, for this is not the first incident that has caused friction between the Victoria Recreation Club and the Chinese.

Remember the incident at the Quadrangular Meet at the European Y.M.C.A. when the Chung Sing team walked out in protest over the judges' award in the 50 yards free-style?

These have been the two most unpleasant events of an otherwise very successful season. At the Y.M.C.A., the Chung Sing team had my sympathy over the decision, but they had my censure for the high-handed manner in which they chose to protest. The fault there lay not in any individual or individuals but in the methods of judging, and the protest was against those methods.

But in the latest protest there is direct accusation against one of the swimmers, and indirectly the name of Miss Guterres, winner of the harbour race, becomes associated. J. Marques was exonerated, but it seems that there is yet opinion that the verdict was hardly one to carry weight.

I see no point in carrying the matter to further extremes, even though some of the references in correspondence to the composition of the Committee that sat were not irrelevant. And what object has the enquiry attained beyond setting tongues wagging unnecessarily? The Committee were comprised of three members of the V.R.C., three members from South China and the Chairman. The evidence was point-blank for and against, though one of the Chinese witnesses confessed that he thought that Miss Li Po-luen could not have won over those last fifty-odd yards had there been no obstruction, as alleged.

#### POINT OF ISSUE

NONE deny that Miss Guterres reached that point in dispute first. She and Miss Li converged on that point, and the latter was some three yards behind. They were both swimming well, but it did not hesitate to opine that even if Marques had been on the other side of the harbour Miss Li would never have caught up that distance over those last yards. Whatever grounds Miss Li had for making complaints might have justified a protest, but to add the rider that everything had been deliberate was making it too strong. Have you ever met anyone face to face in the street and in moving to pass you have both moved the same way, once or twice?



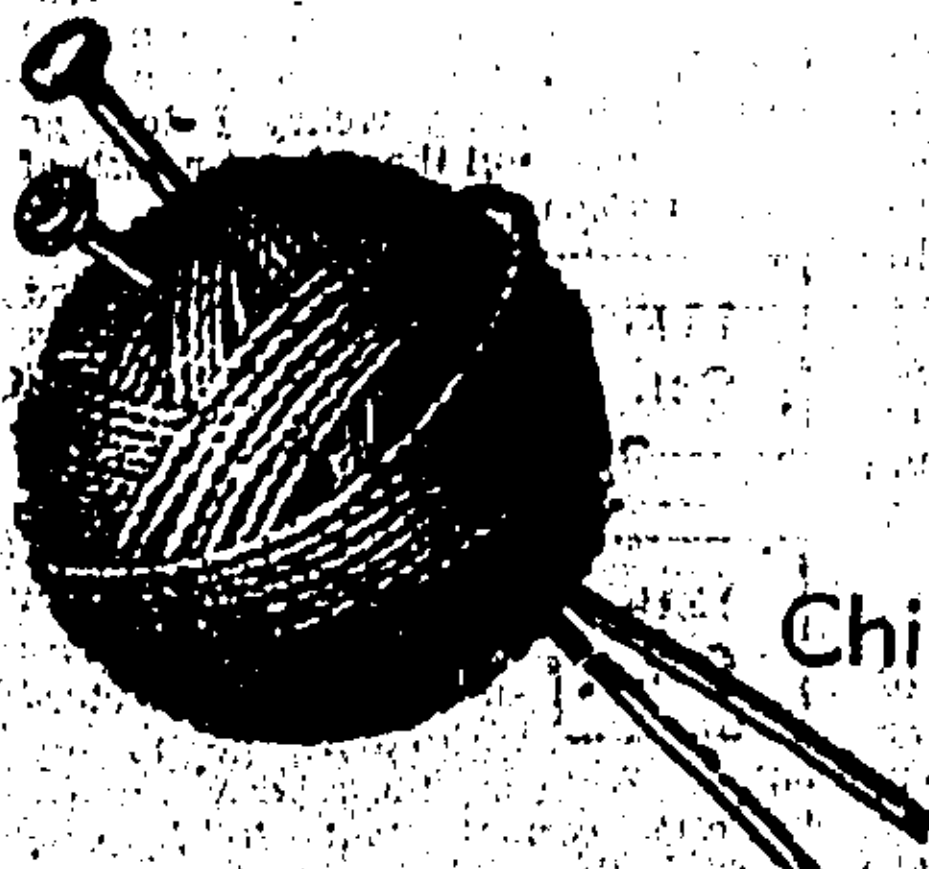
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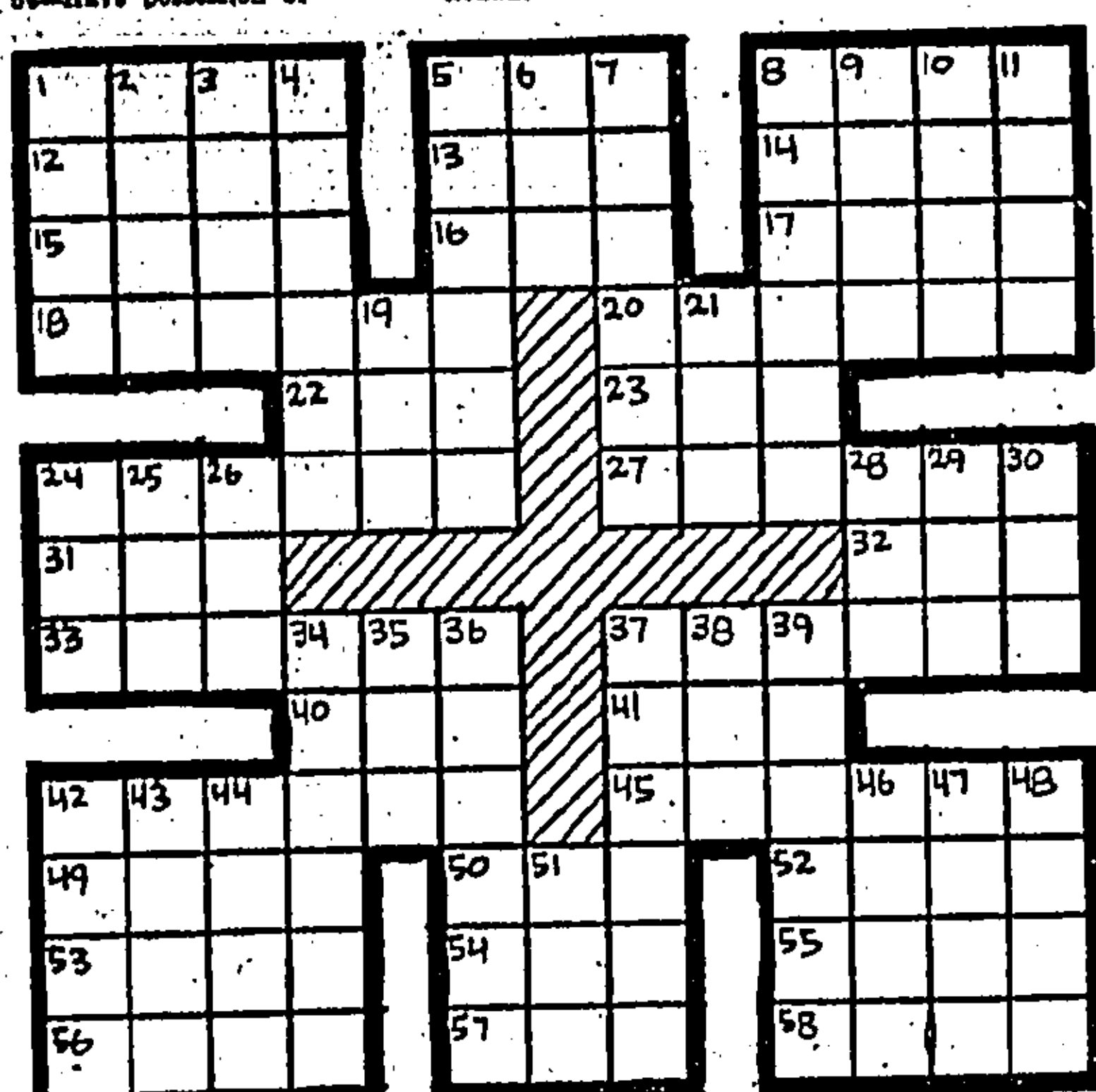
By LARS MORRIS

**ACROSS**

- 1—Musical instrument
- 2—House to glow
- 3—Unconcealed
- 4—Camin
- 5—Despise
- 6—Channel
- 7—Attempt
- 8—Origins
- 9—Landed property
- 10—Rendure corrupt
- 11—Aeriform solid
- 12—Contaminant of ashes
- 13—of dead
- 14—Crystalline powerful
- 15—Inadequate
- 16—Fame
- 17—In the past
- 18—Spread out in time
- 19—of battle
- 20—Three-legged support
- 21—Are under obligation
- 22—Yonder
- 23—Ramble on foot
- 24—Maiden's voice
- 25—Recalling
- 26—Grassy field
- 27—Morally bad
- 28—Pipe-riding
- 29—Compound
- 30—State possession of

**DOWN**

- 1—Part with uninitiated
- 2—Tall tree of island
- 3—Cave's shelter
- 4—City as genuine
- 5—Drinking counter
- 6—Beer that has it
- 7—Flour from Indian corn
- 8—State of steel manufacture
- 9—"Crab"
- 10—Drawn by sun
- 11—Five square yards
- 12—Elastic cushion
- 13—Short poem
- 14—Highest part of anything
- 15—Spice
- 16—Bolt of length
- 17—Free from lightness
- 18—Bird that has it
- 19—Ward (slang)
- 20—Despot
- 21—Fish eggs
- 22—Turn upside down
- 23—Trade for money
- 24—Swelling
- 25—Large New Zealand tree
- 26—Superior to
- 27—Light sail
- 28—Addition to
- 29—Female sheep



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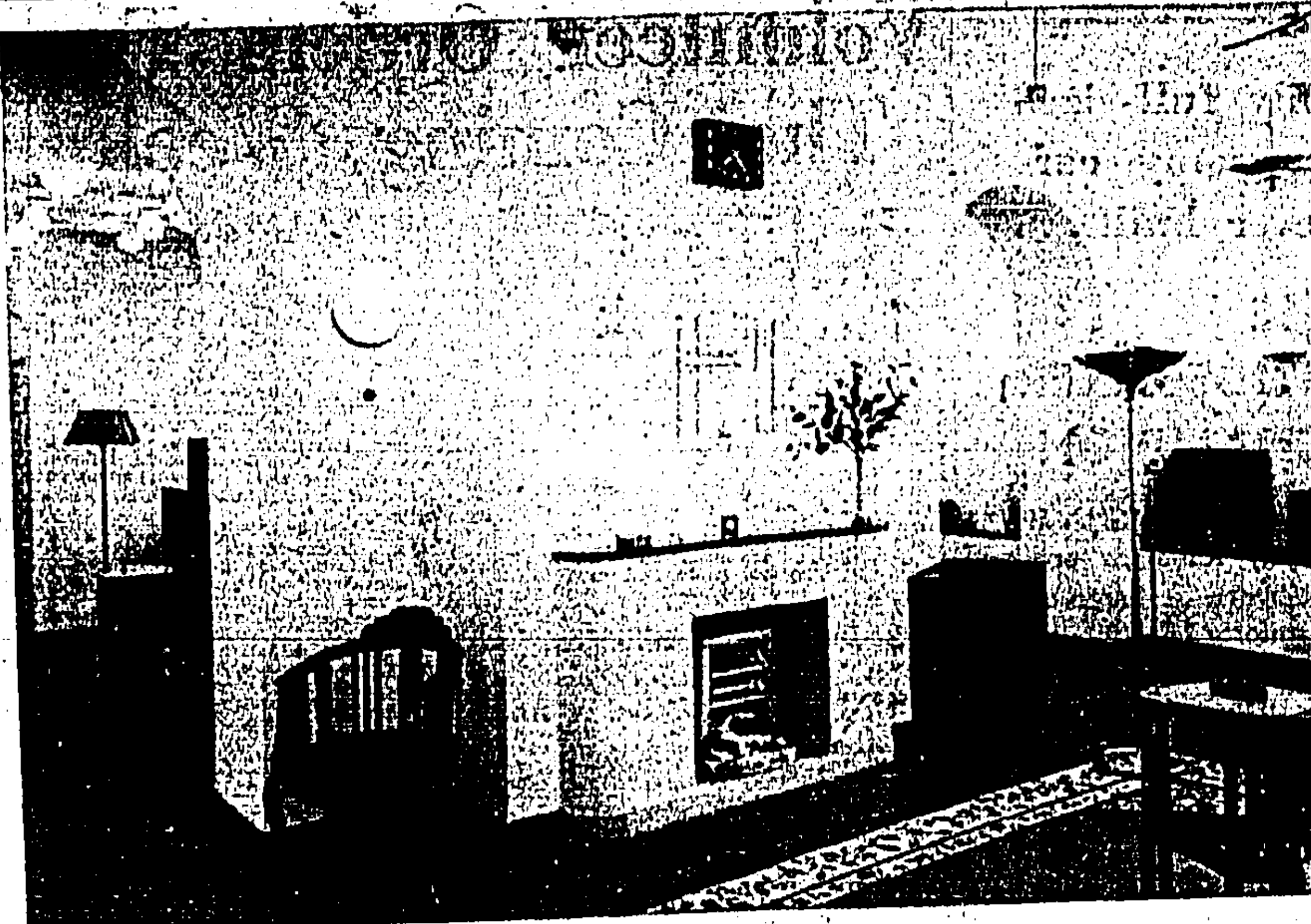
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Prior to remodelling the showrooms were typical of many such rooms in local buildings. High ceilings, concrete floors, dark wood work and unnecessary ornamentation have now been replaced by new ceilings at a more convenient height, parquet floorings, plain cream plaster walls, and light woodwork and the accompanying illustration clearly shows how charming and modern an effect has been created.

The work of reconstruction was planned by Messrs. Leigh and Orange to the requirements of the General Electric Co. of China Ltd. who now undoubtedly have the finest and most modern electrical showrooms in the Colony.

By making simple rounded arches through dividing walls the area of the showrooms has been doubled and there is now ample space for an interesting display of a fine range of G.E.C. products.

### New Lighting Technique

The G.E.C. being the largest electrical manufacturing organisation in the British Empire, it has of course only been possible to display a sample selection of its vast range of products, but these are fully representative of the high standards to which the Company works in design, materials and workmanship. Of especially great interest are demonstrations of the very latest developments in lighting technique the newest of all being the Osram Mains Voltage Fluorescent Tubular Lamp, an entirely new type of lamp employing a combination of fluorescent powder and mercury vapour gas which is so efficient that although the lamp consumes only 80 watts it provides as much light as a 200 watt metal filament electric lamp.

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In general a visit to the new G.E.C. Showrooms is most instructive and greatly to be recommended to all who desire to keep abreast of the latest electrical developments.

## Soviets And Nazis Great Friends

LONDON, Oct. 18 (Reuter).—No

change has taken place whatever in the friendly relations between Germany and the Soviet, declared a spokesman of the German Foreign Office when questioned at a foreign press conference to-day.

He said their relations were of a solid, durable and stable nature.

### Thailand & D.E.I.

LONDON, Oct. 18 (Reuter).—The Britain radio states that the Thailand Goodwill Mission, which is going to Australia and New Zealand, will also visit the Netherlands East Indies.

## Egyptians To Consider Policy Towards Italy

CAIRO, Oct. 18 (Reuter).—The visit to Egypt of Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for War, has already had an excellent effect in emphasising Anglo-Egyptian co-operation and has strengthened still more the feeling of quiet confidence noticeable here.

The forthcoming meeting of the Egyptian Parliament, which it is reliably understood will take place on November 14, will afford the first opportunity for Egypt's politicians to review the situation since the Italian penetration of Egyptian territory began.

This doubtless will be welcomed by such members as Ahmed Maher Pasha, who has long maintained that the Italian action constituted a direct threat to the country and urged Parliament to be convoked immediately to discuss Egypt's course.

Crowds of British troops from all quarters of the Empire are daily thronging the streets and continue outwardly to re-assure the Egyptians. The Government is not losing sight of the dangers of the present situation and at present is giving earnest attention to false propaganda broadcasts constantly emanating from Axis sources.

Egyptian diplomats and Consular representatives abroad have been instructed to deny vigorously such false reports.

Alexandria carries on calmly and normally, and there are no signs whatever of damage resulting from abortive raids.

Lieutenant Commander Lawrence Lionel Tollemache, R.N. (Ret.) will replace Commander William Patrick McCarthy R.N. as a member of the Compulsory Service Tribunal.

Miss May Wong's appointment as a public vaccinator has been cancelled, the Government "Gazette" announces.

Ng Hong-su has been appointed an Assistant Inspector of Labour, Factories and Workshops.

## U.S. LOAN TO CHINA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (Reuter).—Another American loan to China is in prospect, and it is bigger than before.

It is reported in well-informed quarters that the Chinese authorities some time ago asked for \$100,000,000. \$25,000,000 was granted at the time Japan announced her adherence to the Axis.

Some observers believe that the sum was given promptly as an eloquent political gesture to show Japan that the United States stood behind China as an opponent of Japanese aggression.

The new loan is expected to be announced shortly and is likely to be \$50,000,000.

## NEW C-IN-C. OF HOME FLEET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 18 (UP).—The Admiralty announced to-day that Vice-Admiral John C. Tovey has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet, succeeding Admiral Sir Charles Forbes.

Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood has been appointed Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Assistant Chief of Naval Staff, succeeding Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Blake. Both appointments become effective on December 2.

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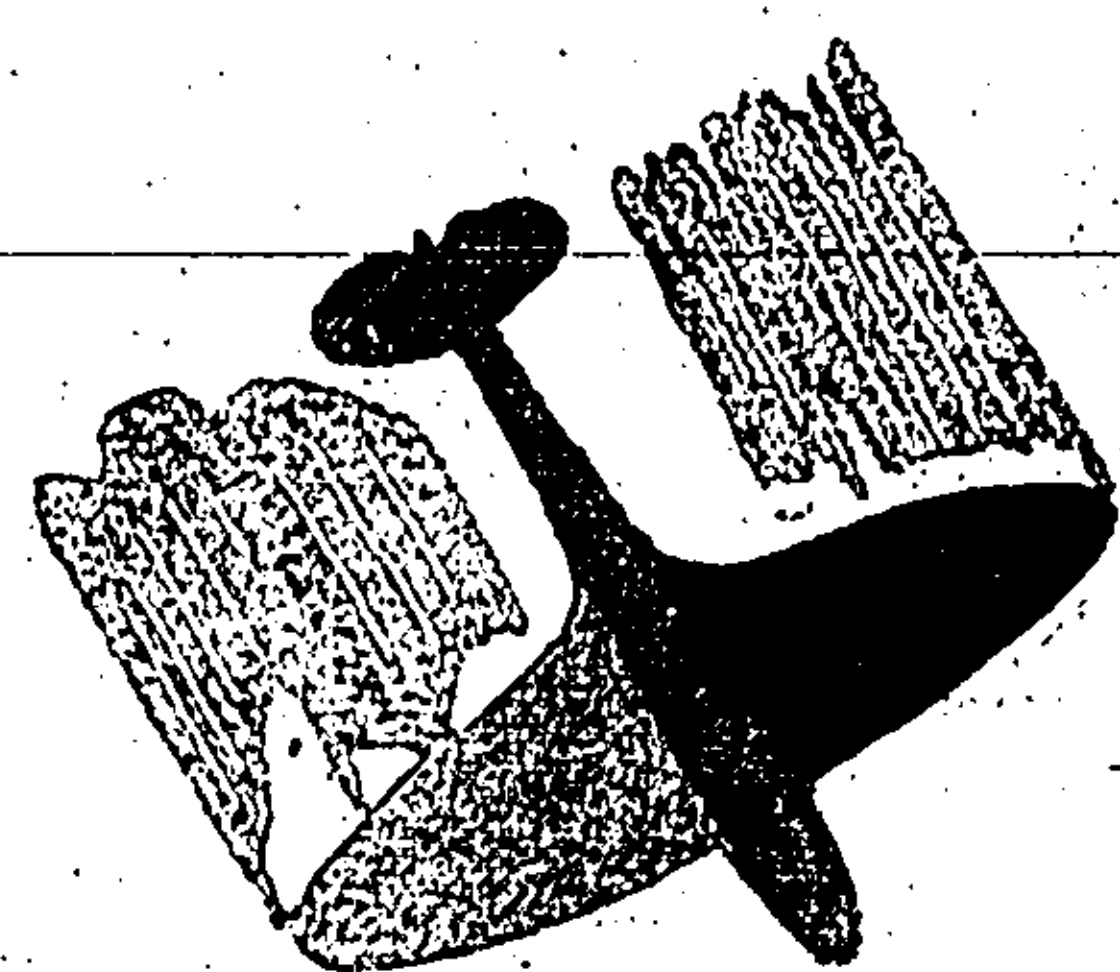
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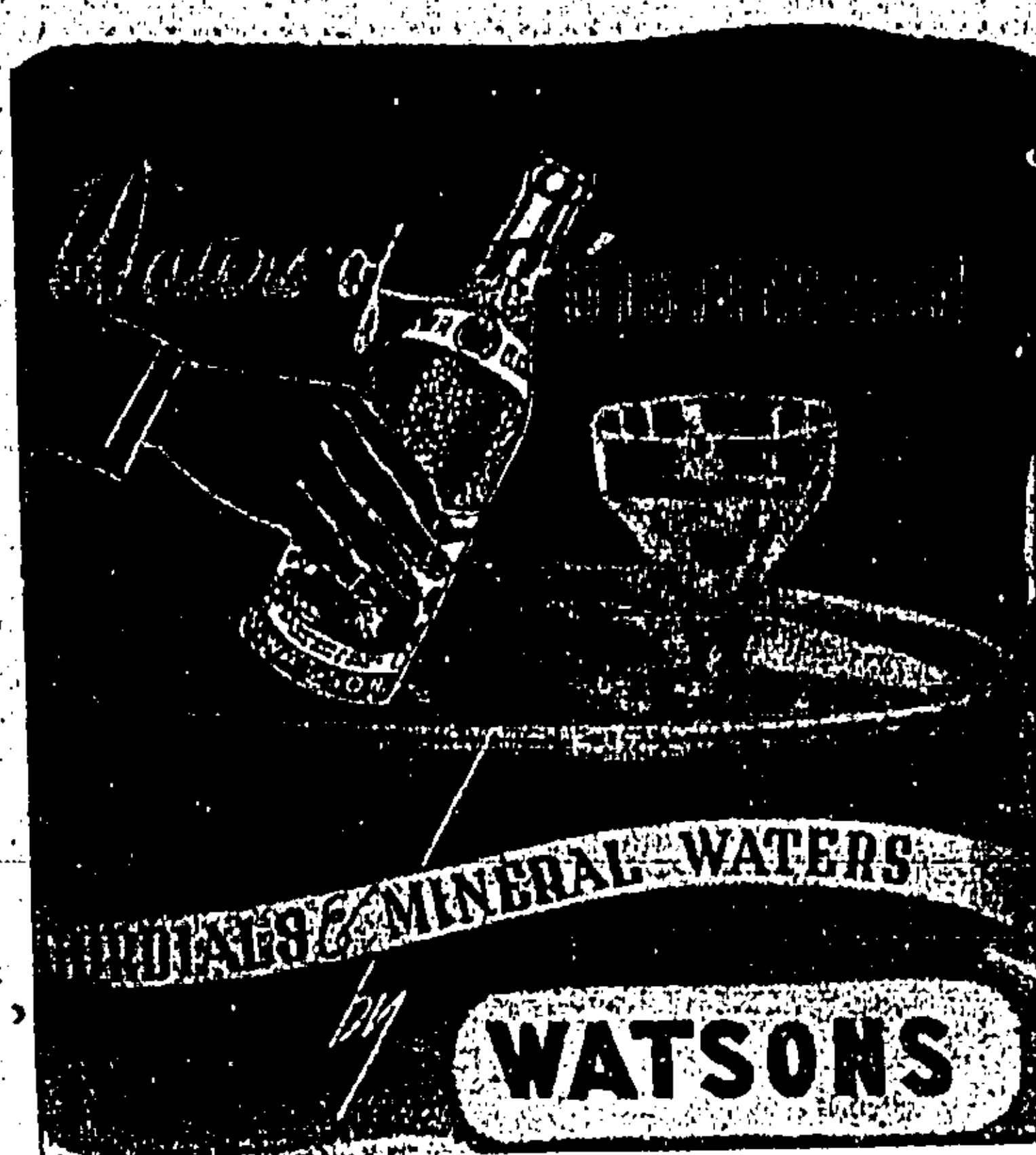
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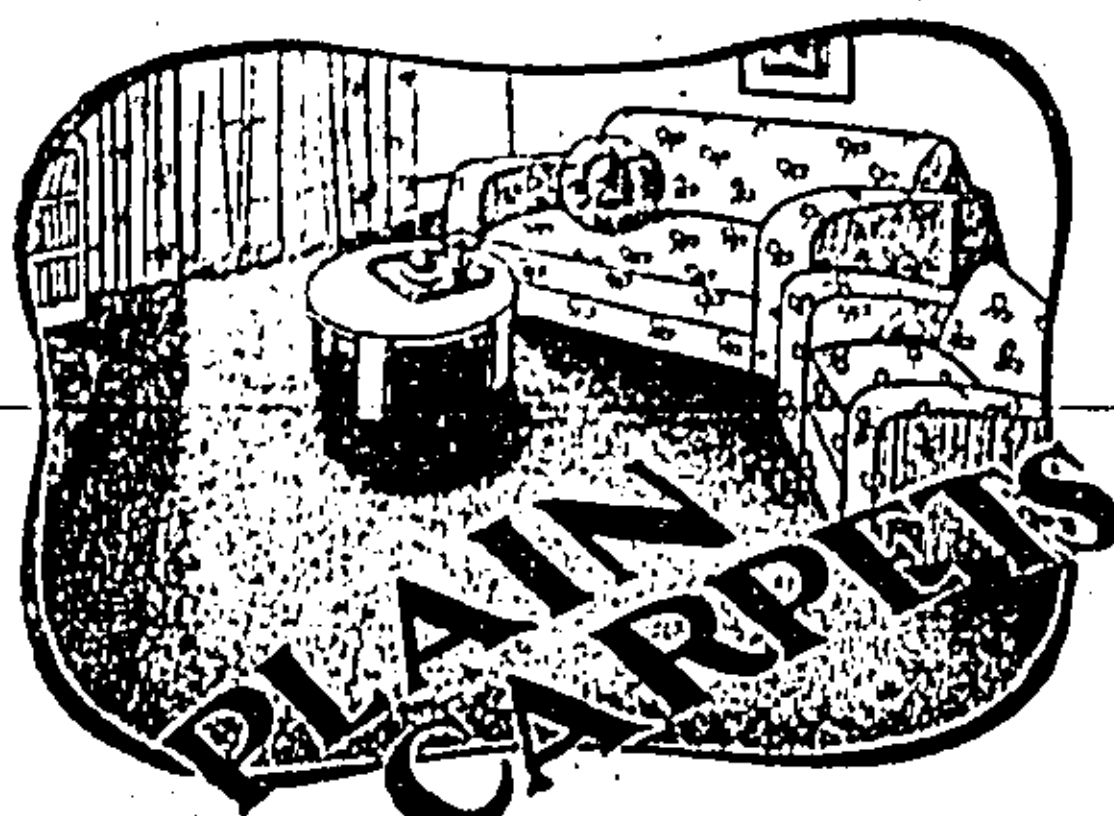
- 4323-A Let My Song Fill Your Heart, Soprano, Margaret Speaks.  
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 26655-A Old Man Blues—Fox Trot. do  
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 26655-A I Just Couldn't Take It, Baby—Fox Trot. do  
 26659-A Souvenir de Vienne—Waltz. Wayne King Orch.  
 26663-A Because—Waltz. do  
 26663-A Old Man Blues—Fox Trot. Sidney Bechet.  
 26664-A Nobody Knows The Way I Feel Dis'mornin'—Fox Trot. do  
 26664-A A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody, Tenor. Kenny Baker.  
 26665-A Remembrance—Waltz. do  
 26665-A The Rumba-Cardi—Rumba. Waldorf-Astoria Orch.  
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## NEW PROBLEM

ALTHOUGH general reaction to the Government's scheme for the financial assistance of evacuees in Australia was one of relief that the authorities had finally produced a concrete measure to meet a problem causing no little anxiety, it is not unnatural that a move of this importance should produce certain bones of contention.

One is that the rates are in Australia, only sufficient for subsistence, and means, in fact, that many families will have to accommodate themselves to a standard of living which is not only considerably below that which they enjoyed in Hongkong, but is, judged by Australian standards, the absolute minimum in that country. Government's allotments are presumably based on the original arrangement that people, who could not afford more, would have found for them comfortable and sanitary accommodation at 25 shillings a week; but information from Australia suggests that this plan is not working out as intended. In quite a number of cases this particular class of evacuee is being exploited by people trying to take advantage of an exceptional situation—original quoted prices are jumped with a "take it or leave it" option, while many of the houses are of the semi-rural class with primitive sanitary arrangements and general conditions far below those experienced by the same people in Hongkong.

The argument advanced is that people, even though living on minimum Hongkong wages were, while in the Colony, able to enjoy accommodation with ordinary modern conveniences, but that under Government's assistance plan, they will have to accommodate themselves to very much inferior conditions.

Government's defence would appear to be that it would be dangerous to raise the allotments in view of the uncertainty of ever being able fully to recover the money paid out. There is a certain amount of real financial distress among a proportion of the evacuees, and Government, recognising this, realises that they will have to be subsidised. But it would be manifestly unfair to subject Hongkong to unlimited burdens in this respect. This was the pungent argument of the unofficial Chinese members of the

## Volunteer Orders For The Coming Week

Orders by Col. H. B. Rose, M.C., Commandant, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps: Medical Examination. There will be no Medical Examination of recruits on Fri. Oct. 23.

Tues. Oct. 22 and Thurs. Oct. 24, 11.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. Those detailed. Lecture by Capt. V. C. Dransfield. Fri. Oct. 23, 11.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. Those detailed. Lecture by Capt. F. Bunio, M.C.S. (L.C.C.).

(a) Corps Artillery. Parades. (i) Dress for all day training for all O.C.'s, C.D. Bys. As usual. Cartridges. (ii) 1st Battery—Sat. Oct. 19, 11.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. Dress as usual. (iii) 2nd Battery—Sat. Oct. 19, 11.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. Dress as usual. (iv) 3rd Battery—Sat. Oct. 19, 11.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. Dress as usual. (v) 4th Battery—Sat. Oct. 19, 11.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. Dress as usual. (vi) 5th Battery—Sat. Oct. 19, 11.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. Dress as usual. (vii) 6th Battery—Sat. Oct. 19, 11.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. Dress as usual. (viii) 7th Battery—Sat. Oct. 19, 11.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. Dress as usual. (ix) 8th Battery—Sat. Oct. 19, 11.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. Dress as usual. (x) 9th Battery—Sat. Oct. 19, 11.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. Dress as usual. (xi) 10th Battery—Sat. Oct. 19, 11.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. Dress as usual. (xii) 11th Battery—Sat. Oct. 19, 11.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. Dress as usual. (xiii) 12th Battery—Sat. Oct. 19, 11.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. Dress as usual. (xiv) 13th Battery—Sat. 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# SEA POWER

By F. M. KELLEY



- 1: Ark Royal.
- 2: H.M. King George.
- 3: H.M.S. Rodney.
- 4: Some of the crew of H.M.S. Nelson.
- 6: Guns of H.M.S. Warspite. They pounded Nazis at Narvik.

SEA power and all it implies is not attained overnight. It can only be achieved through centuries of hard knocks and the sterling virtue of stickativeness. One would be almost right in stating it is largely inherited, too.

Ocean greatness is born of necessity; but, while the sea has always been a heavy taskmaster, it has always rewarded the adventurer who aspired to see beyond its distant horizons and dauntlessly matched his courage against all the perils Neptune could conjure up. The building of sea-going ships, however, is one thing; the training of able seamen capable of manning them is quite another matter.

A nation may possess unlimited wealth and all the ways and means to launch huge flotillas of vessels; but if the men who man them have no

the necessary training through continuous contact with the sea as well as the tradition of achievement behind them, success can hardly be permanent. It takes something more than steel craft and steel shells.

For the beginning of the story of

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navies you will have to go back to the shadowy days of that long ago when man learned the log on which he had been straddling to get about in the vicinity of his cave dwelling could be followed out with fire and a stone adze. Our first authentic picture of progress in connection with navy building comes down from Egyptian stone records the date of which Egyptologists assign as somewhere about 3,000 years before Christ appeared.

We read that Phoenicians, Chaldeans, Greeks, Venetians, Genoese

ful, the latter being a particularly aggressive naval power until defeated by that picturesque Crusader, Don John of Austria at the Battle of Lepanto.

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THE Norman French, establishing their rule, greatly encouraged maritime development and employment.

Henry II of England and Coeur de Lion fostered strong navies and under arrogant John it was decreed "that any ship of other nations, though at peace with England, should be made strike to the royal flag," a decree which would indicate that John had the power to back the threat.

Naval conflicts were common between Britain and France, Britain and Spain, Britain and Holland, Britain and Denmark. There was the great sea fight at Sluys, where the French lost 300 ships and 20,000 men killed. That was the first old-time fight in which the beaked galleys, with their banks of oarsmen, were laid aside and the vessels engaged propelled entirely with sails.

credited with being the founder of the British Navy. Before his reign the petty kings of Britain had naval forces of sorts, but Alfred combined them into one fighting force, taking

tempts at times to build large vessels. Didn't Henry VIII, who did more for the British Navy than any other preceding monarch, separating it from the army and making it an independent arm, have the Henry

Grace a Dieu constructed. Naval historians are not agreed on her tonnage; but from all accounts it was anywhere from 1,000 to 1,500 tons. The Henry Grace a Dieu mounted seventy-two guns and had a complement of 700 men, we are told.

BRITAIN'S real rise to sea power began to be established following the defeat of the combined French and Dutch fleets off Beachy Head in 1666.

From that date Britain has managed to maintain her superiority at sea, her navy being the most powerful among the maritime nations for three centuries. During that time service

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to meet and overcome the opposition. There is no reason for assuming now that the sailor who will be equal to any emergency that might arise in the present world war is not ready to step into the job and direct the Royal Navy to final victory.

True, that sailor will have the ships, the men and the money for the work in hand; but all those things combined mean little or nothing if the sailor is not worthy of filling

The Spanish Armada had the wealth, the men and the ships, yet

The Lion and Ternesaire, two super battleships, it is said, will displace 43,000 tons each, while five of the King George V Class, completed or nearly completed, will displace 35,000 tons each.

Of such is the stuff the British Navy is made at present. Efficient as fallible human nature can make it, the Royal Navy will give a good account of itself in the trouble which now threatens civilization.

Without any bluster or ostentation, the "Silent Service" will undoubtedly live up to its great traditions and continue to be the bulwark of a free people. It is only a question of time when it will have won down all opposition and make the ways of the sea safe for the unhampered passage

In the meantime the people of the British Isles and the Empire have every reason to thank Providence for the ships of the Royal Navy and the men who man them.

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## ENTERTAINMENT SECTION

# Everyone votes for McGinty

Film: "Down Went McGinty."

Stars: Brian Donlevy, Akim Tamiroff.

Verdict: Up, McGinty.

—Queen's.

**DOWN** in one of the banana republics of central America a former banker (he hadn't stayed for the court case) was boasting about his former affluence.

Said the barman sadly: "Yeah, I remember when I used to be governor of a state."

From that point the film goes back to trace the career of Brian Donlevy as a political hanger-on in one of the graft-ridden American states.

This is one of those fine little films which show that it is not always big stars and a heavy expenditure that makes a film a box-office success.

It is an indictment of the Tamiroff, as the "boss" who loves a graft which flourished in America in the twenties but it is a good fun it undoubtedly is.

McGinty was a small-time politician who gradually rose. His crooked administration needed a governor without a record—and he became.

He is elected on the old principle of "vote early, vote often."

Briefly, McGinty is an important figure. But he has a conscience. He is used to small-time graft. But the wholesale corruption now open to him is too much. He decides to turn honest.

His horrified colleagues promptly dig up his past, have him hurled out of the gubernatorial post.

And "Down went McGinty."

No-one but Americans would discuss their family skeletons so frankly. And no place but Hollywood would present it so delightfully.

It is rather a bolsterous comedy with an occasional moment of solemnity breaking in and it is acted with a vigour that goes well with the spirit of the whole production.

Brian Donlevy as the tramp who works his way up to the governorship by the use of his fists and his wits acts as though he is thoroughly enjoying himself, and Mr. Akim

Film: "Sailor's Lady."

Stars: Jon Hall, Nancy Kelly.

Verdict: And no-body's baby.

—King's.

If you ever take a baby on board an American battleship, don't leave it on board. Otherwise the fleet can't go to sea.

Anyhow, that is how things work out in this spirited little film about a sailor, his fiancée and an adopted baby.

The film is largely devoted to the exploits of sailors ashore. Its chief merits are its rapid pace and comedy. John Davis and Wally Vernon contribute a fantastic apache dance burlesque.

One less pleasant scene shows the baby crying at the noise of a battleship salvo.

But the whole film is happy light entertainment.

Film: "Twenty Mule Team."

Stars: Wallace Beery, Leo Carrillo.



Wallace Beery and Marjorie Rambeau star in "Twenty Mule Team."

Verdict: But not 20-horse power.

—Queen's, Alhambra.

Even when Wallace Beery is being his wickedest, toughest meanie, everyone knows that he really has a heart of 18-carat gold.

And the blustering, driver of the "Twenty Mule Team," is just the Beery his fans have learned to expect.

It has the same pattern as dozens of films he has made before but like most Beery films manages to remain a pleasant enough entertainment.

The film has the usual pioneer background and is set in the grim Death Valley. This wild desolate country is photographed beautifully.

Beery is the picturesque, dirty, uncouth mule driver ready to fight or drink with anybody.

The plot hardly matters. Everyone knows that Beery will be in fist-fights, gun-fights, near-fights at intervals, that he will almost break the hearts of those who love him—and that everything will be straightened out in the end with a burst of fine sentiment.

On the whole "Twenty Mule Team" is rather better-class entertainment than the average western.

Film: "The Marshal of Mesa City."

Stars: George O'Brien, Virginia Dale.

Verdict: You're always liked

—Alhambra.

Do you ever remember seeing a film about a man who went to a western city to clean up the crooked gang led by a wicked sheriff?

And how this strong, tough man is lamb-like and gentle in the presence of the little schoolteacher? And how, after a suitable number of assorted battles the wicked sheriff is outwitted, civilisation comes to the township and the brave cowboy kisses the schoolteacher?

It used to be played by William S. Hart, then by Tom Mix and Hoot Gibson.

But this time it is the athletic Mr. O'Brien, the wicked Mr. Leon Ames and the demure Miss Virginia Dale who play out the horse-opera.

But we still like the pattern. Come to think of it, our grandchildren will probably like it too.



You guessed it. There has been dirty work in Death Valley but mule team driver Wallace Beery works it out with Leo Carrillo.

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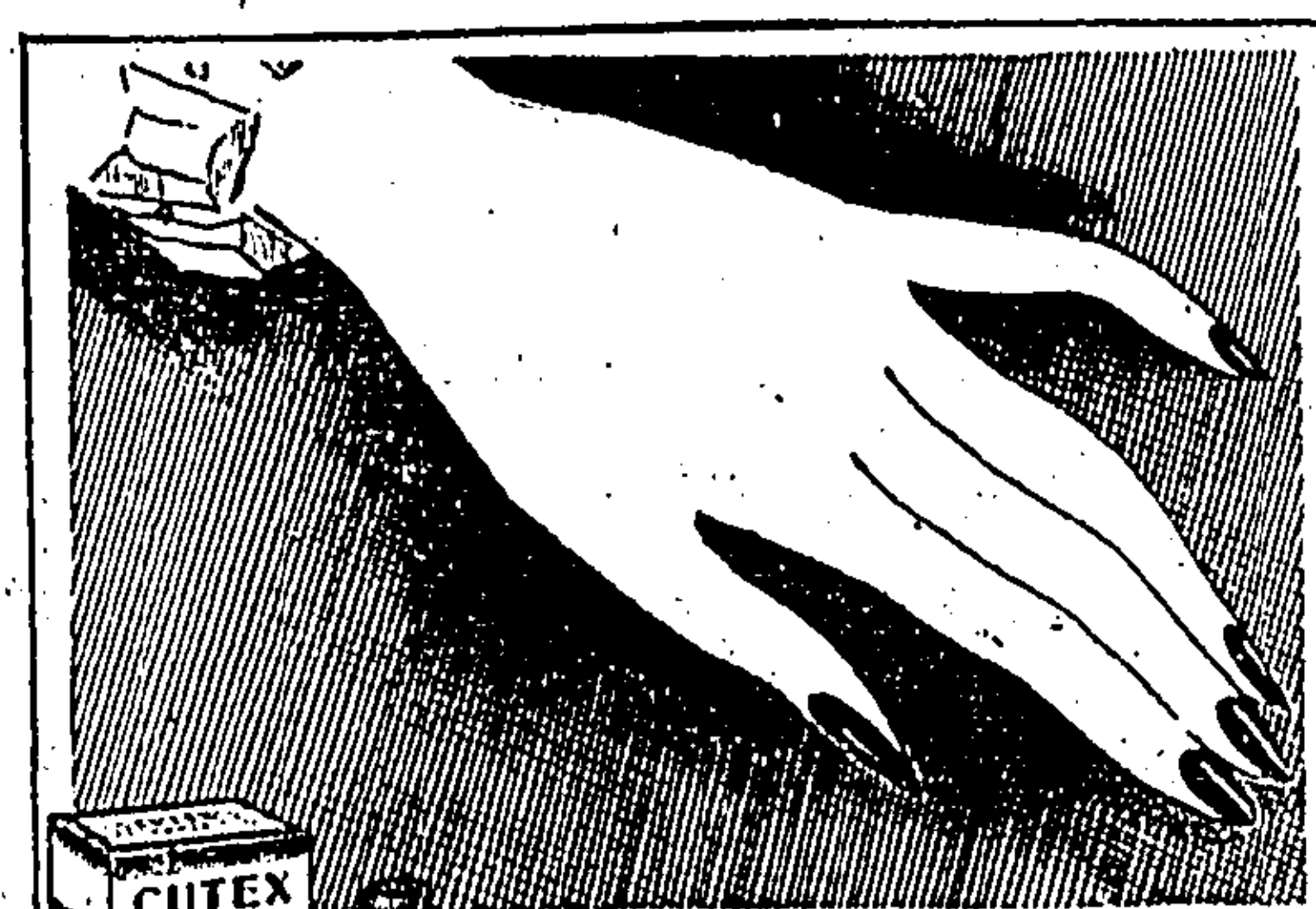
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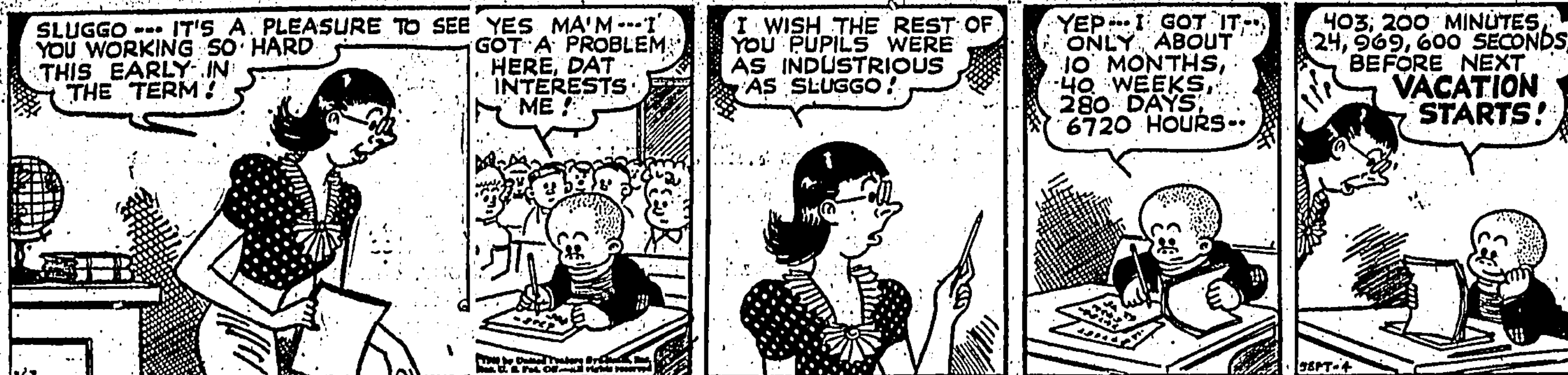
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# NANCY



Mr. Georges Mandel, former French Minister of the Interior, stands trial on a charge of "war guilt." The astonishing story of his first arrest and subsequent exoneration by Marshal Petain is told here for the first time by a distinguished French journalist. He calls it—

## MANDEL AND PETAIN

GEORGES MANDEL, the strong man of France, the disciple of Clemenceau, the man who was determined to fight to the end, is under arrest in France and is facing a trial which may end in the death sentence.

This is the second arrest of Mandel since Marshal Petain formed his Government of Capitulation.

M. Mandel has told me personally the full story of his arrest in Bordeaux on the very evening when he was released. I think this story is an extraordinary one and of sufficient historic interest that the public should know it.

MONDAY, JUNE 17. The Reynaud Cabinet has been out of office 24 hours. It is two o'clock in the afternoon. M. Georges Mandel—who since yesterday has ceased to be Minister of the Interior—is lunching at the Chapon-Fin, the best restaurant of Bordeaux, which for the last eight days has been crammed to the doors from morning to night.

Suddenly a colonel of gendarmes approaches. "Excuse me, M. le Ministre," he says, "but I must have a word with you in private."

M. Mandel rises and follows the colonel into the lobby. "What is it, Colonel?"

"M. le Ministre, I am a soldier. I carry out the orders which I receive. I am obliged to ask you to follow me at once."

M. Mandel hesitates for a moment. Then he replies simply: "Soit—so Marshal?"

He returns to the table at which some of his friends are seated. "This officer has come to arrest me," he says. "I am accompanying him." And without another word he goes back to the Colonel, who is outside the entrance, looking vainly for his car.

"Don't let that delay us," says Mandel. "My chauffeur is waiting outside. He will drive us." As the members of the new Government, Colonel seems doubtful, Mandel adds: "You need have no fear. Colonel. I shall not try to escape."

A few minutes later the former side Minister of the Interior arrives at the Bordeaux Police Headquarters. There he is put into a small room and watched by two plain-clothes police officers.

"I sent one of those worthy functionaries," so M. Mandel told me afterwards, "to buy me some newspapers, which I read to pass the time."

The detention at the police station lasts for two hours. Two hours during which the report of M. Mandel's arrest spreads throughout Bordeaux. Rumour even adds the arrest of General Buhrer, who was the Minister's colleague when he directed the Department of Colonies. M. Jeanneney, President of the Senate, and M. Herriot, President of the Chamber, are told. They decide to intervene immediately with the President of the Republic. And the latter immediately makes a demarche to Marshal Petain.

AT four o'clock the General commanding the Bordeaux district enters the room in which Mandel is calmly reading his newspapers.

"M. le Ministre," he says, with ceremony, "it is my duty to request you to follow me to Marshal Petain's residence."

"With great pleasure," Mandel replies.

Ten minutes later M. Mandel is presented in the Marshal's office. The latter is seated. Standing behind him are M. Frossard, Minister of Public Works, and M. Pomaret, who for the last 24 hours has been M. Mandel's successor at the Ministry of the Interior. Marshal Petain rises, approaches M. Mandel, extends his hand, and says: "This is a most distressing affair. I am happy to tell you that the incident is closed."

Mandel refuses the hand offered to him by the Marshal. There is a long silence, which is broken by M. Pomaret.

"I preferred to be present, Mandel," he says, "to let you know that I have nothing to do with this affair and that I would never have given the order for your arrest."

"I thank you for that assurance," Mandel replies, and turns again to the Marshal.

"The incident is closed, you say," the Marshal says, "but not for me. A public man cannot be arrested with impunity. You owe me an explanation, Marshal."

"But, of course," the Marshal replies, "it was I who gave the order for your arrest. It was a mistake. I have been wrong. I admit it. A denunciation by a resident of Bordeaux, a M. B., was transmitted to me, which accused you of having stored arms with the object of making an attempt on the lives of the members of the new Government."

"But," of course, the Marshal replies, "I have no wish to discuss such accusations. But up to yesterday we sat side by side in the same Government. You have twice done me the honour of consulting me, of inviting me to dine with you, of proposing that I should collaborate with you. Had a similar accusation been made

against you when I was Minister, I would have telephoned you, or, out of regard for your advanced age, I would have come to see you before taking any other action whatsoever. It was incumbent upon you to act in the same way."

The Marshal nods his head. "You are right, M. le Ministre," he says. "I do not regret this incident for myself," replies the former collaborator of Clemenceau. "When one is Minister of the Interior it is necessary to be ready to run certain risks. That of being arrested is the least of them."

"Nor do I regret this incident on your account," Marshal. It demonstrates that you are the prey of a clique of small men, ready to let you commit the worst mistakes. I have known for eight days that certain of your most intimate colleagues have considered the possibility of having you arrested. But when one indulges in acts of that nature it is necessary to make the stroke certain, to succeed, without running the risk of



MANDEL

By CHARLES COMBAULT  
Former Correspondent of the Paris-Soir

having to make excuses two hours later.

"It is for my country, Marshal, that I regret this affair. It proves that those who are charged to govern in this, the most perilous moment of its history, are worthless or incompetent. To-day, June 17, France is requesting an armistice. And those who advise you are so incapable, so unworthy of their historic task, that they make it necessary for you to spend a whole hour of your time on an incident such as this. Indeed, I should like to see the country that I think at this moment!"

The Marshal has risen. He goes over to Mandel and says, in a voice trembling with emotion: "You are right, M. le Ministre. I apologise." "I thank you, Marshal. But you will realise that I cannot content myself with that statement. This affair is already public property. It must be formally concluded."

"Will a letter from me satisfy you?"

"Certainly, Marshal." Marshal Petain then seats himself at his table and rapidly pens a letter which he hands to Mandel, who reads and returns it to Petain.

"This letter does not satisfy me, Marshal. It is necessary that the precise details of the incident be stated." For the second time the Marshal takes up his pen. M. Frossard and M. Pomaret are still there. For a moment nothing can be heard but the scratch of pen on paper. Then the Marshal stops, re-reads the letter he has just written and offers it to Mandel.

Mandel takes it and reads: "I thank you, Marshal."

"I am happy to have seen you, M. le Ministre," says Marshal Petain. "I thank you what you have told me. You are a man of good counsel. I ever find myself in a grave situation I shall appeal to you."

## BRITISH COASTERS

Of the 6,772 steamers and motor-ships of 100 tons and upwards registered under the British flag at the beginning of this year, no fewer than 4,247 are of less than 2,000 tons. Many of these are vessels of the coasting type, or those used in normal times for the shorter voyage to the Continent.

Britain's larger ports specialise in the import and export of certain commodities carried by ocean-going steamers from and to the uttermost parts of the world. But the smaller coastal ports, used by small vessels, play a most important part in what may be termed the secondary distribution of Britain.

The coasting vessels collect cargoes at the greater ports and distribute them to many smaller ones. In Great Britain, where no part of the country is at any great distance from the sea, a large part of the population can be supplied through one port or another involving only a short haul by either rail or road.

The coasting trade is entirely responsible for the low rates existing between port and port, and from and to towns within a considerable radius of those ports.

Even in time of war much British coasting still continues to run. One may instance the distribution of coal from the coal-producing districts, and of the huge quantities of food and other materials from the terminal ports where it is landed from overseas.

British coastwise trade lessens the burden on Britain's hard-worked railways, and diminishes the inevitable delays of sorting and shunting. One comparative small ship will carry the goods that could only be handled by a fleet of lorries using imported petrol.

For the carriage of goods in bulk, tradition, that of the Elizabethan and in spite of German aircraft submarines and mines, the distribution of goods in England, when, in 1588, the fleet by sea over a considerable area of the coast was threatened with invasion by the Duke of Parma's army in the debt that Britain owes to the Flanders.



PETAINE

THESE events were related to me by M. Mandel himself at eight o'clock in the evening of that same Monday, June 17. I have reported his story faithfully, making no alterations. And on the same evening when he told me all this M. Mandel showed me Marshal Petain's letter. I reproduce it here, citing from memory, but affirming that this text conforms in substance to that of the original which I had in my hand:

Monsieur le Ministre: On the strength of a denunciation made to the Bureau Central de Renseignements (Special Intelligence Office), I to-day took steps for your arrest.

After thorough investigation I admit voluntarily that this denunciation was calumnious, having no relation to the facts, but made for the purpose of disturbing public order.

I express my respect, M. le Ministre, of the patriotic spirit which has not ceased to animate you and of which I have been a witness during the past weeks. I therefore apologise, M. le Ministre, for this regrettable incident, and beg you to believe me, etc.

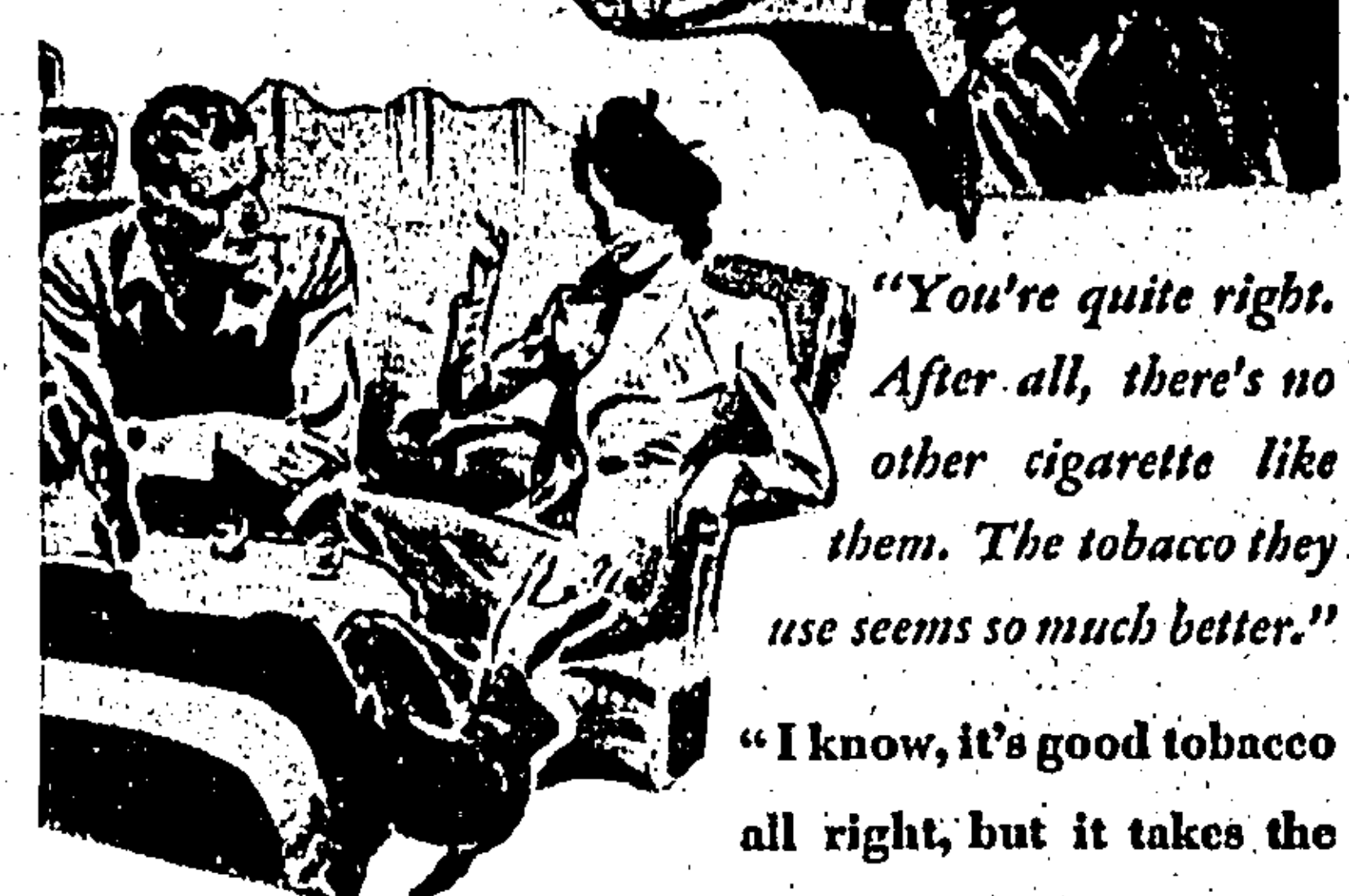
(signed) le Marechal Petain.

ONE month later the Government presided over by Marshal Petain is proceeding, for the second time, with the arrest of M. Mandel. Is this letter from Marshal Petain still in the possession of the accused man?

## "You prefer them! So do I"

"Grand to see you back so soon. I know what you'd like—you must be dying for a smoke."

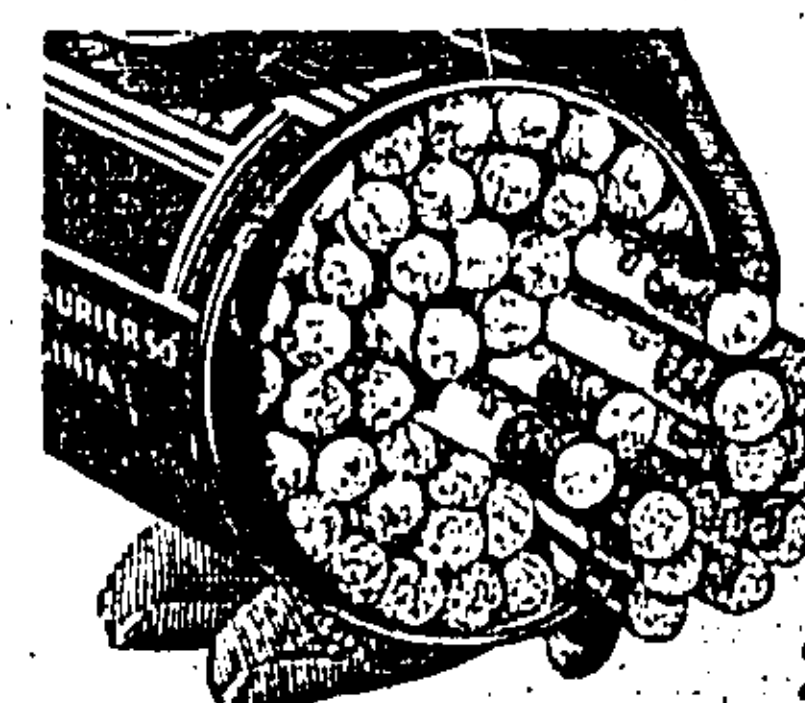
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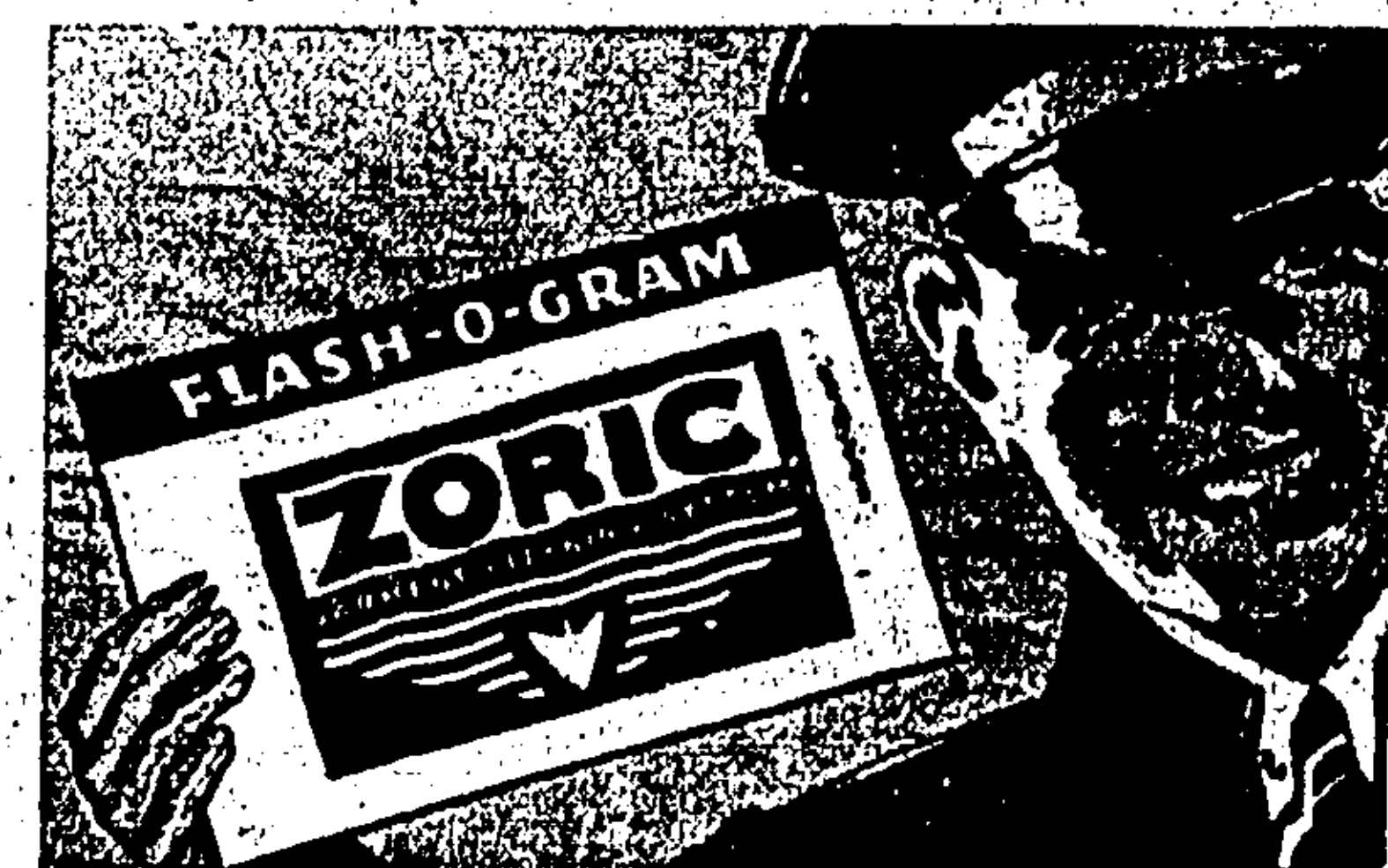
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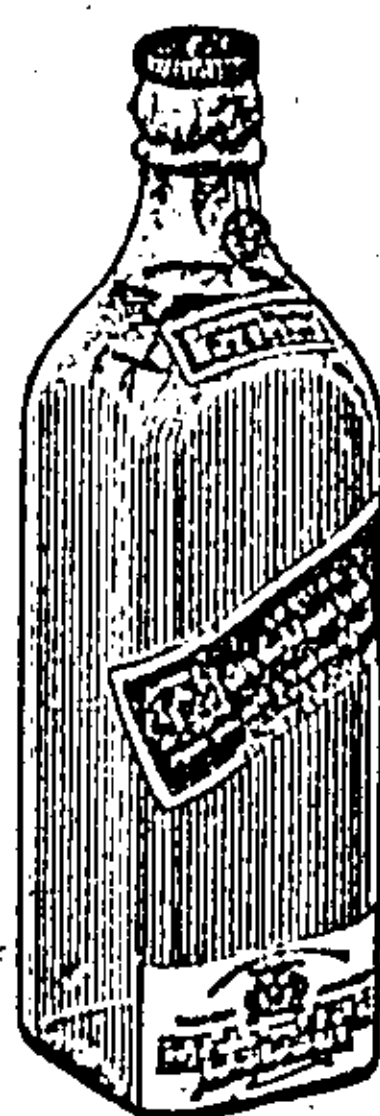




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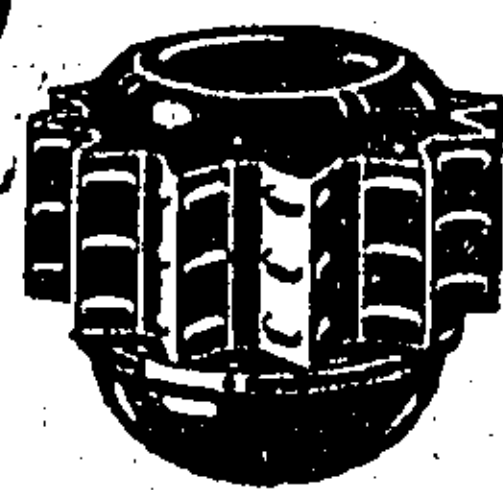
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## TWO THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

# ① CAN AMERICA HELP?

By Rear Admiral Yates Stirling U.S.N. (Ret.)

United Press Naval Critic

What may be called the naval base frontier of United States sea power in the Pacific to-day extends roughly from Dutch Harbour, Unalaska Island, Alaska, to Oahu Island in the Hawaiian group and thence to Pago Pago on the island of Tutuila in Samoa—a distance of approximately 4,260 miles.

The fleet base at Dutch Harbour is under construction. The base at Pearl Harbour, Oahu, Hawaii, is completed and is being used by the fleet. There is no base for the fleet in Pago Pago, Samoa. That harbour is too small for anything but submarines and seaplanes.

Should it be necessary to send the fleet to the orient, a number of routes would be available.

The fleet might advance by the northern route from Seattle, via Dutch Harbour and Attu Islands to Manila. From Seattle via Tuck Harbour to Manila would be 6,690 miles. Stopping at Attu Island, the distance would be slightly longer.

Such an advance would carry the fleet close to Japan's bases in her main islands and through the Japanese Island Groups, Nampo Shoto and Nansei Shoto and Formosa, where Japan has numerous advance bases for her warships.

This would not be a healthy voyage, if we were at war, for our fleet would be encumbered with a large train of supply and repair ships. During a large part of the voyage it would be subject to attack by Japanese submarines and air forces. It might even be attacked by Japan's main fleet and air forces at a time and location most disadvantageous to our fleet.

There is a middle route into the orient from the Hawaiian Islands via Guam to Manila. This distance is about 5,000 miles and would carry the fleet through the Marshall, Caroline and Marianas Islands owned by Japan.

These islands are a formidable barrier. We know that some of these islands such as Jaluit, Ponape and Saipan are prepared naval positions for submarines and sea planes. This route would be safe if Guam were a first class base for the fleet.

There is a proposed southern route much longer, but beyond the striking power of the Japanese Navy except by submarines and long-range airplanes. This farthest western air base, it is route leads from Oahu via the Phoenix and Ellice Groups of Islands owned by Great Britain.

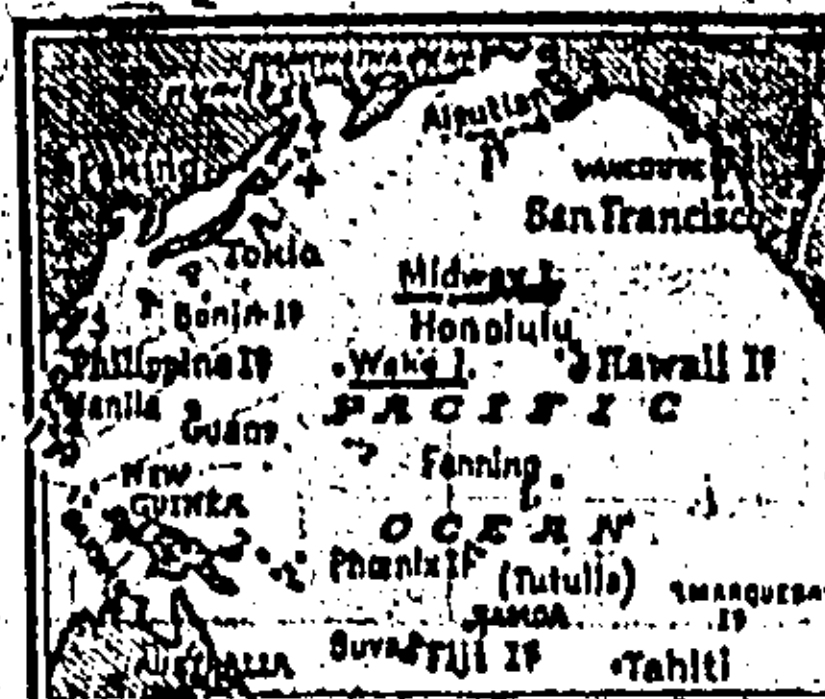
The area of the south Pacific from the 140th meridian of longitude to Australia and Asia some day will be controlled almost entirely by air forces.

Warships will be useful but the enormous speed of airplanes and the destruction they can accomplish makes that weapon a most necessary one in fighting a war in the vast area of the Far East.

A northern route for airplanes to reach the orient via Sitka, Kodiak and Attu, to attack Japanese bases is yet difficult, if not impossible. From Attu, our farthest western air base, it is 2,400 flying miles to the Inland Sea in Japan. In time of war it would be most unsafe to use the

Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila route used by Pacific airways, a total of 5,130 miles.

If we can obtain air bases from Great Britain, let us consider another air route to Manila which will not pass through air controlled by Japan. The first air base on this route from Oahu would be at Canton Island, 1,680 miles, then Pago Pago, 720 miles, then to an island in the new Hebrides, 1,230 miles. The route to Manila from the new Hebrides then will lead to the island of Ceram, 1,200 miles, to the island of Ceram, 1,200 miles. The total distance by this route would be 7,230 miles, or 2,370 miles farther than the direct route through Guam.



The United States is in a better position than any other nation in the world to have superior air force. The Pacific is a wide ocean and difficult to control by even the fastest surface warships. Airplanes will cut down the time of passage between locations almost to one-twentieth of a warship's time.

It requires a fleet more than three days to go a distance of 1,200 miles that can be covered by a seaplane in four hours. It seems plain that the Pacific new Guinea, 1,200 miles, to the island of Ceram, 1,200 miles. The total distance by this route would be 7,230 miles, or 2,370 miles farther than the direct route through Guam.

## ② IS SINGAPORE IMPREGNABLE?

One of the chief defences of Singapore is the fact that it has no enemy within several thousand miles. That fact does not allow the scale of its defences to be reduced in any way, but it does mean that a completely unexpected attack—a bolt from the blue—is highly improbable, if not impossible. And it also means that the difficulties of an attacker are very great.

Attacks on defended bases have in the past often been delivered from across an ocean. Many examples in the seven, tenth and eighteenth centuries a tropical swamp into a healthy garrison station has been a very remarkable achievement.

But military expeditions to-day are very much less self-supporting than they were in the days of Napoleon or Wolfe. Whether naval or military they need a constant service of supply, and to maintain such service over a distance of 3,000 miles is a tremendous task. The strength of even a first-class maritime power, the Air Forces stationed at

### LARGE CALIBRE GUNS

There have been defences at Singapore for a century past; but it was only when, in 1923, the establishment there of a modern naval base was undertaken that it became necessary to raise the scale of the defences to that of a first-class fortress, able to hold its own in the face of attacks of any magnitude.

This entailed the installation, it is understood, of guns of the heaviest calibre, capable of making it impossible even for heavily armoured ships-of-war to approach close enough to support by their gunfire any attempt at the capture of the island.

No details of these guns, of course, have been made public, but they have often been described in articles, in both British and American periodicals, by writers who profess to have some inside information about them. Most of them describe the biggest guns as being of large calibre.

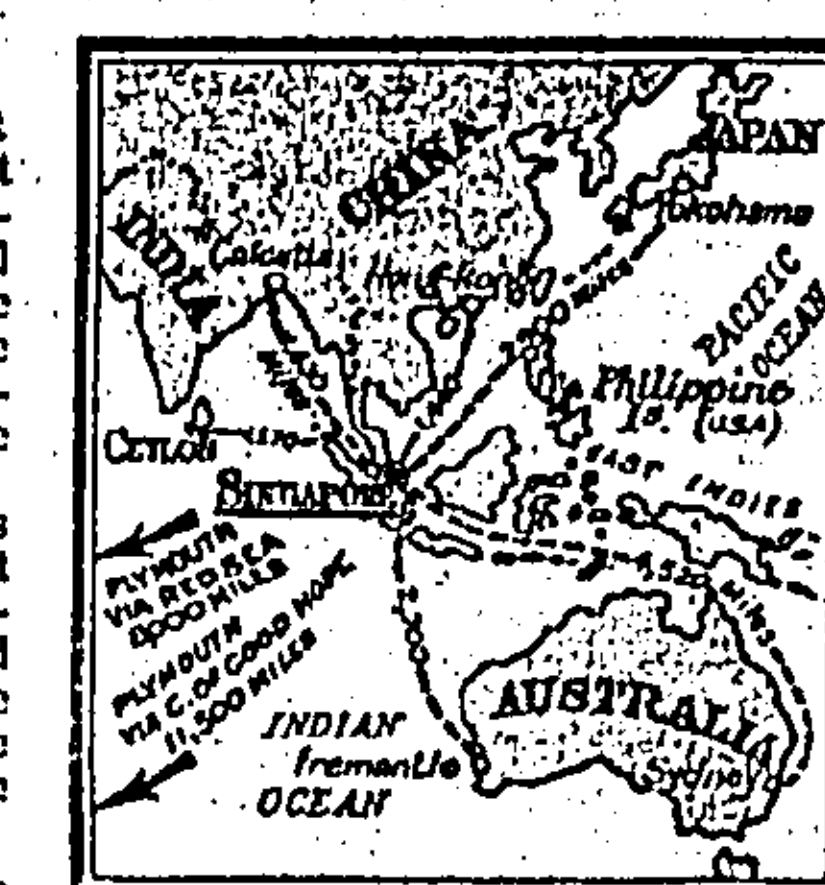
Other guns of varying calibres are said to be mounted at various places, and there is no doubt that, whatever their actual calibre, Singapore is as strongly defended as any island fortress in the world.

The defences have been developed gradually over a period of fifteen years during which the naval dockyard has been under construction. They include not only guns covering the seaward approaches, but also an adequate garrison of both military and air units.

This activity slackened off at the end of October, when it appeared that there was little probability at the moment of the war spreading to that part of the world. But they were resumed, when tension appeared to be increasing in the Far East.

A communique issued on July 1 informed the inhabitants of Singapore that further defence works were being put in hand and that it would be necessary for several of the shore-air force and the garrison numbered with their dependants, some 12,000, to be probably considerably larger now.

The increase of the garrison has, of course, necessitated the provision of barracks to house it. The chief public for bathing of these are the Gillman barracks. There must, of course, have been near the city over-looking Keppel many more preparations than those Harbour, and the Changi Barracks of which public notice was thus at the eastern end of the island, given, and it may be taken now for these are of modern design and granted that the defences of Singapore provide every comfort such as is possible in a tropical island, it is not tolerable, even possible, for a world.



### FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



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Players checking up during play in the bowls game between the Fifth A.A. Company and the Field Ambulance at K.C.C. on Sunday.—Ming Yuen.



Another incident during the same match. The Fifth A.A. Battery defeated Field Ambulance 32-12. The Battery team was Gnrs. W. Melrose, R. Main, R. Keown, J. C. Chalmers.—Ming Yuen.



His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, presenting prizes at the Volunteers inter-unit swimming sports.—Ming Yuen.



## VOLUNTEER INTER UNIT SWIMMING

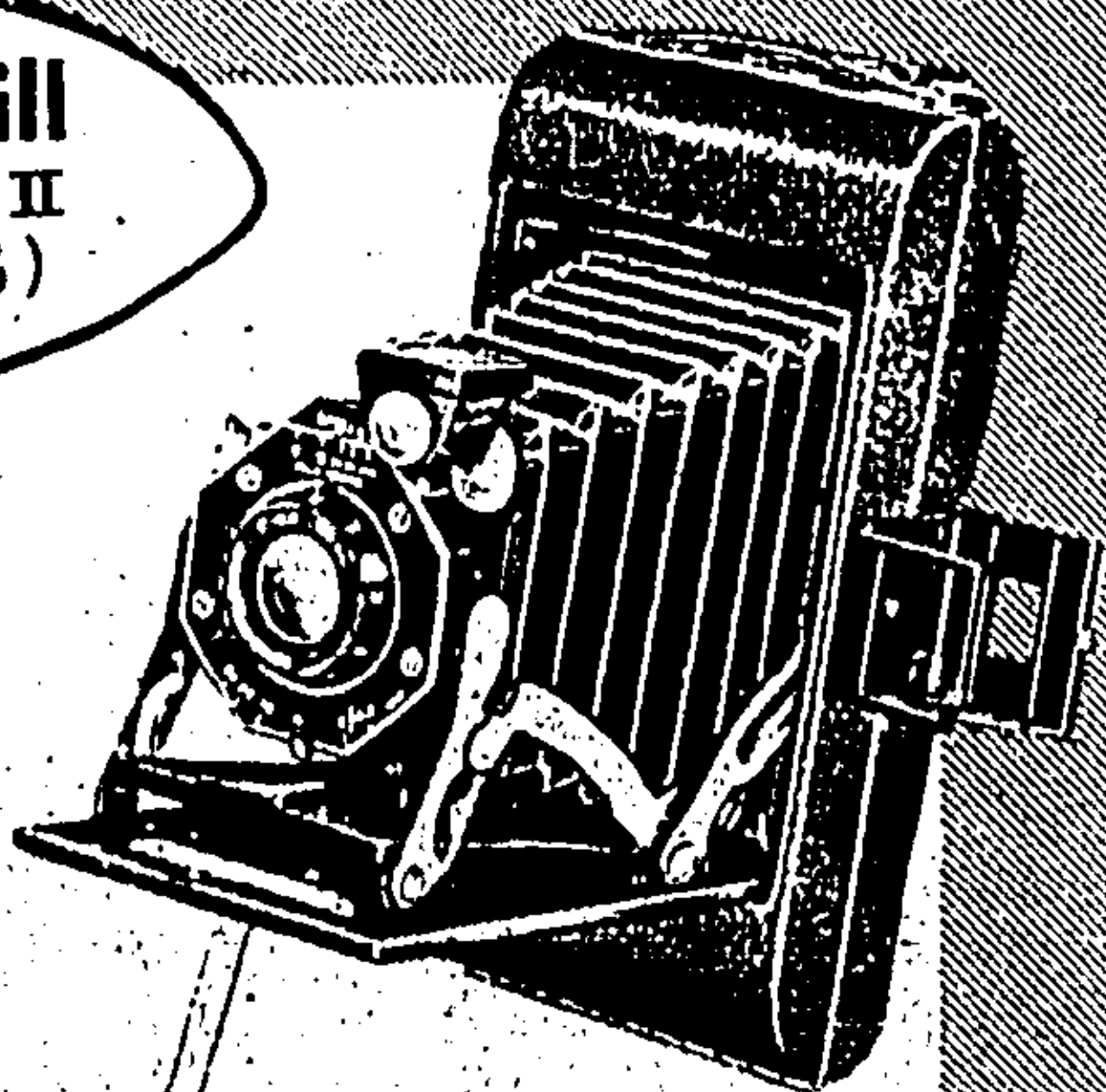
Some of the spectators at the Volunteer inter-unit swimming sports at Army Pool on Saturday.—Ming Yuen.

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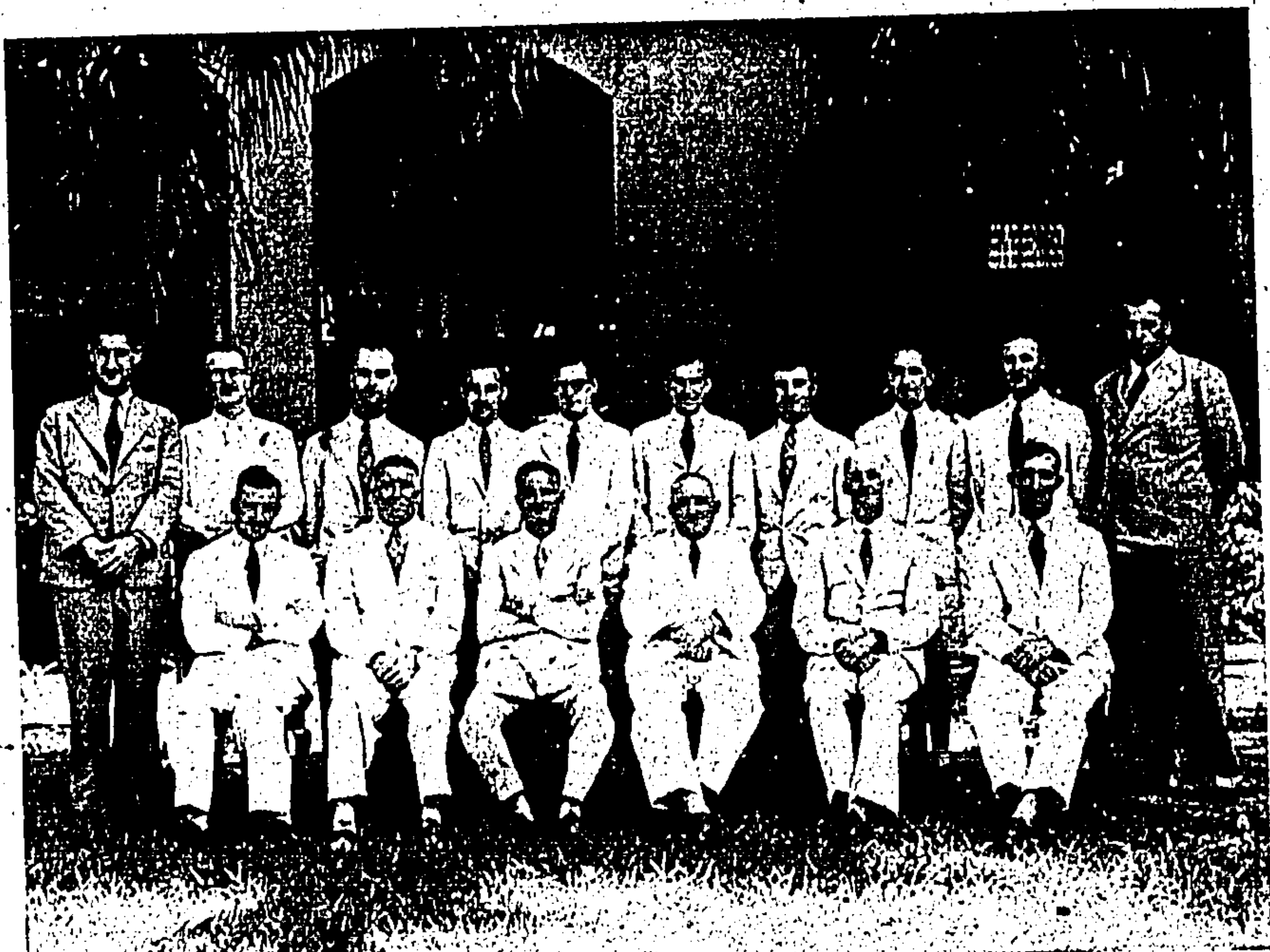




Captain and Mrs. C. M. M. Man, Middlesex Regiment, coming down the steps of St. Andrew's after their marriage. Mrs. Man was formerly Miss G. Marr. — Ming Yuen.



Teachers of the Salvation Army School. The picture was taken at Wanchai. — Ming Yuen.

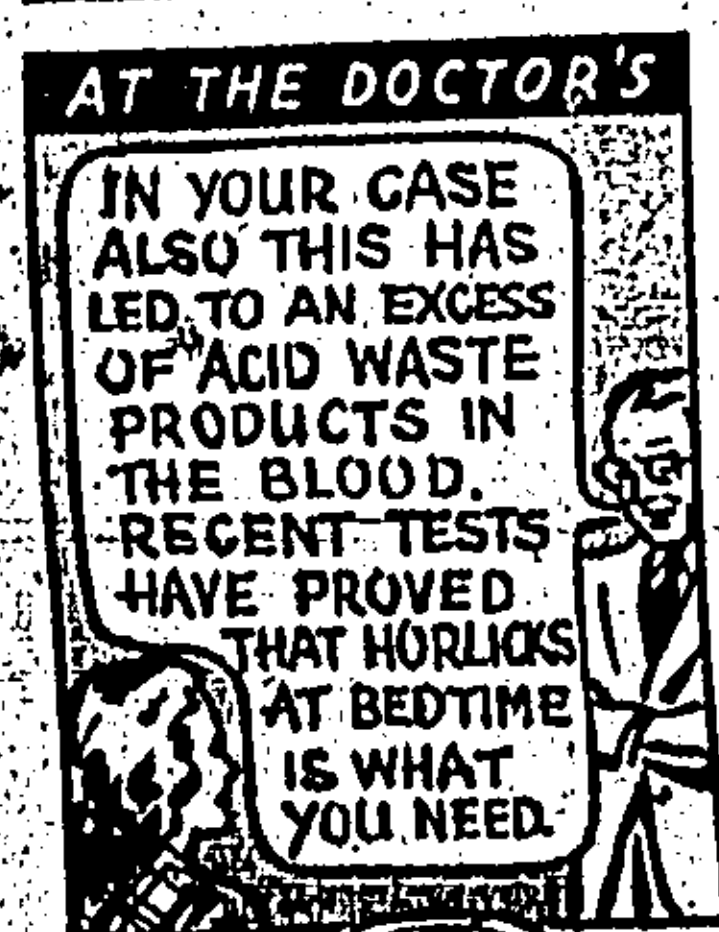
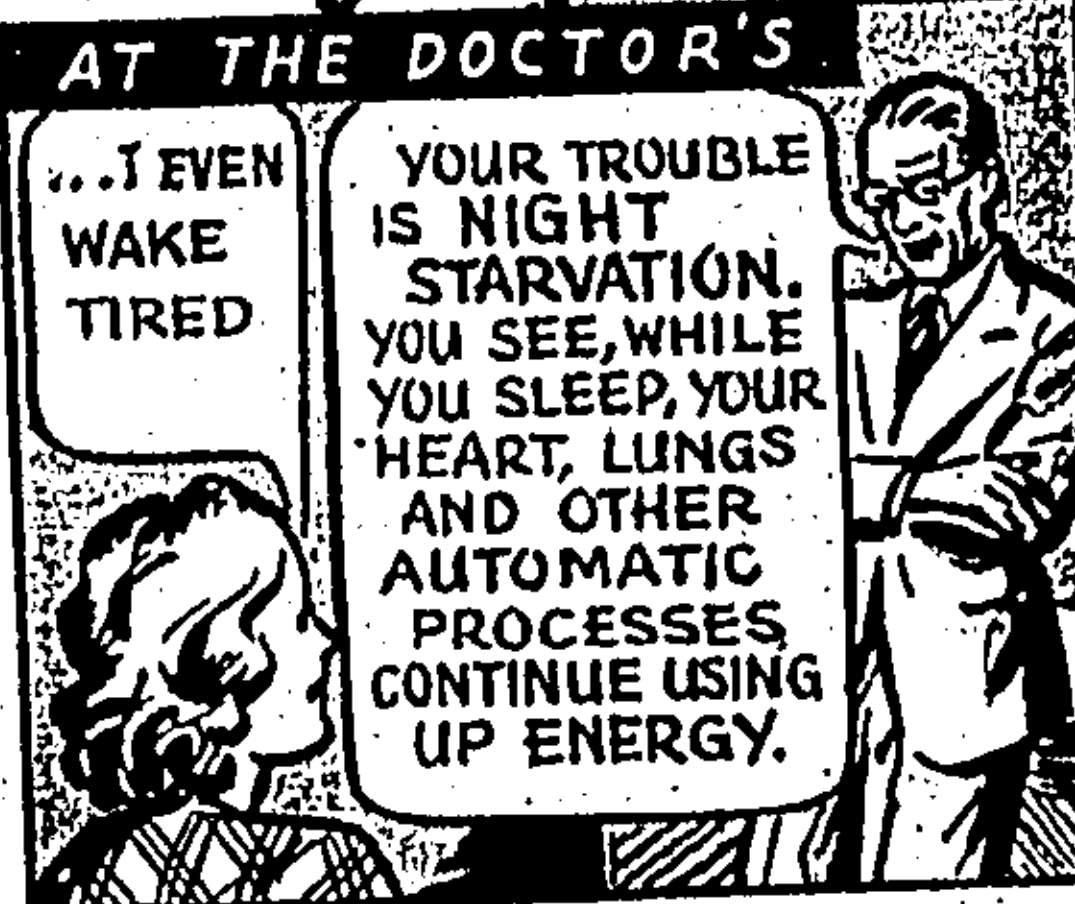


Staff of Naval Storehouse. Back row: Messrs. Cate, Druce, Drovot, Jackson, Warnes, Broady, Stevenson, French, Eustis, Fenton. Front row: Messrs. Jordan, Vosper, Payne, Austin, Foster and Salmon. — Ming Yuen.



Wedding group photographed after the marriage at St. John's Cathedral of Mr. C. L. Williams of the A.P.C. to Miss J. Lees. — Ming Yuen.

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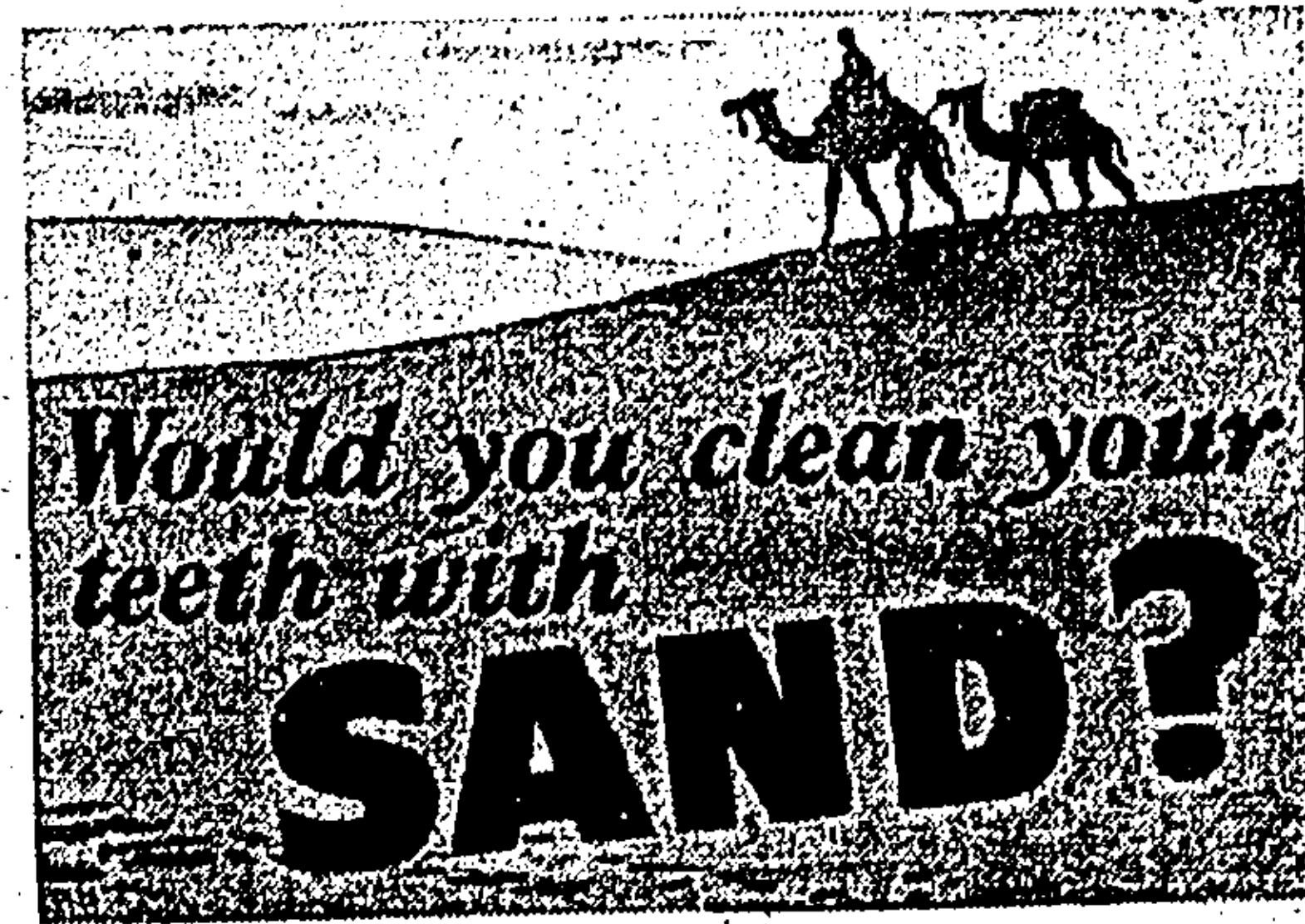
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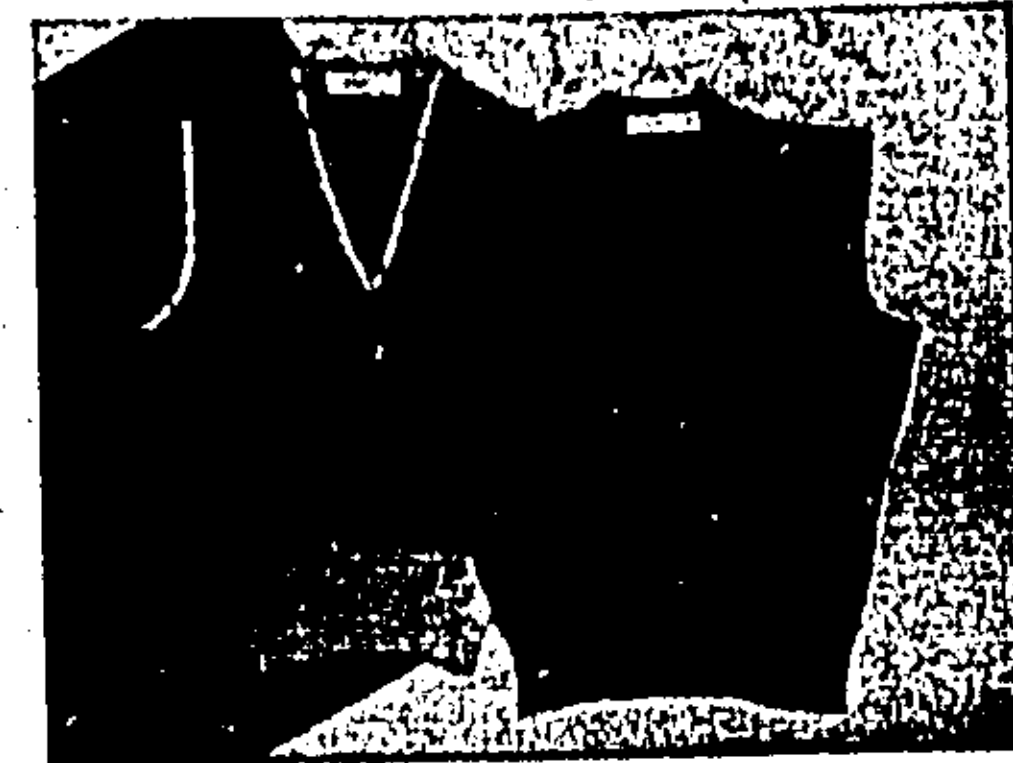
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# SUPPOSE THEY DO LAND?

## THIS IS HOW TROOPS WILL MEET THEM

By A Special Correspondent

HERE is the answer to the question millions of people are asking: "What would happen should the Germans attempt to attack the coast of Britain?"

Part of the answer, that is, because only part of the plans of the defence can naturally be revealed.

I can give this because during the past few days I have seen a number of vivid mock attacks and defensive manoeuvres carried out on the spot.

Everything, bar the real firing and air attacks, was carried out as it would be should the Germans attempt a landing. Here are the various stages in order.

### The Attack

Flotillas of enemy troop and tank carrying craft would have a rough time from sea and air attack as they steamed towards the British coast, but it is assumed that some might reach it.

As soon as they came in view the craft would come under heavy fire from long-range guns on the shore and later from lighter guns and machine guns.

Approaching the coast, the Ger-

man troops crowded in the boats, protected perhaps by an armoured roof, would peer anxiously towards a coastline looking remarkably unchanged from peace time.

But as they drew near that pleasant shore would suddenly spout fire and death from hundreds of unexpected places.

### The Alarm

It may sound strange, but to some extent the alarm follows the attack.

Behind the actual shore line troops on duty in pill-boxes and machine-gun posts are the "hair-trigger" men, the reserves waiting to go to the actual point of attack.

What would happen was shown to me in dramatic fashion just outside a small town where a number of lorries were lined up under shelter. A motor-cyclist sped up with a message. The "Alert" was sounded.

My eyes were dazzled by the next few seconds. Out of one building they ran a line of women who disappeared in a series of deep trenches—cooks and typists of the A.T.S. taking cover.

Beyond them rushed whole columns of steel-helmeted men in battle dress, who, group by group, jumped into the lorries, which drove off in swift succession.

### Rush to Coast

The scene of the actual rush to the coast was an important cross roads made into a strong point by four barricades, all partly open. Here again, a motor-cyclist arrived with a message.

At once, groups of soldiers rushed out of a building and went to the four barricades. Two of them were closed up and made strong anti-tank barriers by an ingenious system in less than three minutes.

Then a line of steel-helmeted motor-cyclists with rifles fixed to the machines sped through the almost closed barricades.

After them came dozens of Bren gun carriers. Then an order was shouted, and swiftly the two barricades were bolted and barred, and we were in a fortress, into which no tank could penetrate.

### Parachutists

On a hill-top near a golf course I found a group of men lying side by side near some soldiers firing blank shots towards the crest of a bracken-covered rise a few hundred yards away.

"Parachute jumpers are supposed to have landed on that rise," an officer explained. "These Home Guards who spotted them are keeping them under observation and are waiting for our men to come up and capture them."

Further along the beach I saw a mock "tank attack" by light enemy tanks supposed to have been put up by flat-bottomed barges. They were represented by Bren gun carriers.

Artillery opened fire on them; two were disabled, one was driven back.

## And this is what civilians must do

An official leaflet now being distributed to every home in Britain, instructs civilians in behaviour during an invasion.

If the Germans should invade and fighting by organised units takes place in your district, DON'T attempt to join in: go to shelter and stay there. This is one of the hints in the official leaflet to every home in the country.

In the event of invasion STAY PUT is the main message contained in the leaflet.

Says the leaflet: "If this island is invaded by sea or air, everyone who is not under orders must stay where he or she is. It is an order from the Government, and you must obey it just as soldiers obey their orders."

"You order is 'Stay Put,' but remember that this does not apply until invasion comes."

Five questions are then asked and answered:

### 1. WHY MUST I STAY PUT?

BECAUSE in France, Holland and Belgium, the Germans were helped by the people who took flight before them. Great crowds of refugees blocked all roads.

The soldiers who could have defended them could not get at the enemy, who used refugees as a human shield. These refugees were got out on the roads by rumour and false orders.

"Do not be caught out in this way. Do not take any notice of any story telling what the enemy has done or where he is. Do not take any orders except from the Military, the Police, the Home Guard (L.D.V.) and the A.R.P. authorities or wardens."

### 2. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME IF I DON'T STAY PUT?

YOU will stand a very good chance of being killed. The enemy may machine-gun you from the air to increase panic, or you may run into enemy forces which have landed behind you.

An official German message was captured in Belgium which ran: "Watch for civilian refugees on the roads. Harass them as much as possible." Our soldiers will be hurrying to drive back the invader and will not be able to stop and help you.

On the contrary, they will have to turn you off the roads so that they can get at the enemy. You will not have reached safety, and you will have done just what the enemy wanted you to do.

### 3. HOW SHALL I PREPARE TO STAY PUT?

MAKE ready your air-raid shelter—to protect you against stray shots and falling metal. If you can have a trench ready in your garden or field, so much the better, especially if you live where there is likely to be danger from shell fire.

### 4. HOW CAN I HELP?

By setting a good example to others. Civilians who try to join in the fight are more likely to get in the way than to help. Defeat of an enemy attack is the task of the armed forces which include the Home Guard, so if you wish to fight enrol in the Home Guard.

Find out what you can do to help in any local defence work that is going on, and be ready to turn your hand to anything if asked by the Military or Home Guard to do so. If responsible for safety of a fac-



tory or some other important building, get in touch with nearest military authority. You will then be told how your defence should fit in with the military organisation and plans.

### 5. WHAT SHALL I DO IF THE INVADER COMES MY WAY?

If fighting by organised forces is going on in your district and you have no special duties elsewhere, go to your shelter and stay there till home.

the battle is past. Do not attempt to join in the fight. Behave as if an air-raid were going on.

The enemy will seldom turn aside to attack separate houses. But if small parties are going about threatening persons and property in an area not under enemy control and come your way, you have the right of every man and woman to do what you can to protect yourself, your family and your home.

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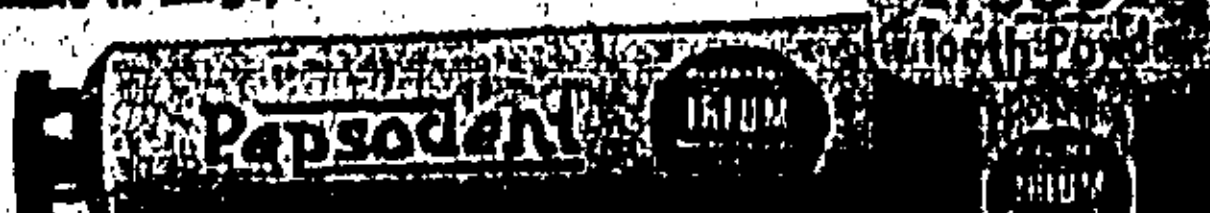
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### Faked Battle Scenes

The cameraman is an integral part of the German army. Every division has its film unit, charged with the duty of securing battle shots. These are poured into all the neutral American countries, Scandinavia, Russia and the Balkans.

There is evidence that they have had, and are having, considerable effect.

Screen propaganda is all the more impressive because people believe the camera cannot lie. Actually nothing can be manipulated so easily. The Nazis' skill in faking is emphasised by the American Journal, Film News.

"German war newsreels," it says, "appear as (dehumanised, machine-age spectacles, terrific in fireworks, devoid of the realities of mutilation and death. Tanks and aircraft destroy enemy fortifications. No one is hurt. From a distance a town is gutted by bombs. No one is killed."

Nazi film propaganda is pouring into the United States by every Clipper, the largest single importer being Fox Movietone.

Effective use of the camera is apparently not yet realised in Britain. Correspondents have lately been allowed to accompany reconnaissance planes and a motor torpedo boat. If the same privilege were granted to cameramen it would be possible to give the world fascinating and convincing evidence of the magnificent work of the R.A.F. and the Royal Navy in beating off air raiders and attacks on convoys.

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# THE COST OF WAR

By Ned Russell  
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Great Britain, it is estimated hurls close to £25,000,000 worth of fighting power into the air every 24 hours of mass air fighting—but most of it, except for the bombs, lands again intact.

The figure is based on an estimate that 1,000 British fighter planes take to the sky every day against the German raiders and that 300 British bombers take off each night for raids over Germany, Italy and the occupied countries.

It does not—due to censorship—account for the millions of dollars spent each day to throw up anti-aircraft barrages, man the anti-aircraft batteries, maintain the famous balloon barrage and carry out patrol and reconnaissance flights around Britain's shores.

Nor does it include the cost of carrier pigeons—a more vital factor in Britain's defence plans than you might imagine.

The Royal air force, probably spends about £2,000,000 a day cendiaries. They are fueled for salaries, training, maintenance, new planes, bombs, bul-gasoline. Some 250 pounds of lets, quarters and ground crews.

The nation's daily war bill is estimated at about £9,000,000, five, not counting damage done by the German raiders. Naturally that total can't be broken down item-by-item and bullet-by-bullet because many figures are secret and the cost varies each day, depending on how the fighting goes.

The heaviest single item of the cost of war in the air, however, is for bombers. These cost about £10,000 apiece. Spitfire fighters cost about £10,000 and Hurricanes about £8,000.

Another costly investment is air personnel. The cost of training a pilot for a bomber or a fighter plane is figured at £3,000. A five-man bomber crew runs to about £9,000. This includes destruction of training planes, instructors, equipment, maintenance and transport.

The heavy bomber squads which set off at dusk each night for enemy territory, such as Germany, carry a couple of tons of high explosive bombs and incendiaries. They are fueled with 800 gallons of 100-octane gasoline. Some 250 pounds of machine gun ammunition is

carried. There is a crew of five. Each member of the crew weighs about 200 pounds with his heavy paraphernalia.

Bomb prices vary with size and type. A small incendiary about the size of a tin can costs £1. A heavy armour-piercing projectile comes at £100.

Machine gun bullets cost about 2d apiece. What the 100-octane gasoline costs is a closely guarded secret but it is the finest gasoline produced.

A typical British fighter plane carries 125-gallons of gasoline. Its machine gun drums are filled with 2,000 bullets. That's a supply for one dog fight and it comes to a little more than £8.

The investment in the balloon barrage comes to an undetermined figure in pounds sterling. Each balloon costs about £500 and there are thousands of them. A balloon maintenance unit costs about £2,500 in gas, trucks, lorries, equipment and men.

Ground crews run into big money. It is estimated that each man in the air requires 15

men on the ground. That means a maintenance crew of 75 men for each bomber-plane, including intelligence officers, cooks, hangar attendants, mechanics, etc.

Anti-aircraft costs cannot be estimated. Heavy guns cost £3,000 apiece and lighter guns £1,500, light shells cost £2 and heavy ones £4 or more. There are thousands of these guns and thousands of search light crews and observation posts.

The carrier pigeon item is small but important. The birds are used by the coastal command, for the most part. They were donated to the government and are maintained by pigeon fanciers with the government paying £5 a year for each 6 birds.

There were 20,000 birds registered for service when the war began. They were used extensively by coastal planes in case they were forced down or their radio fails or they do not wish to reveal their position.

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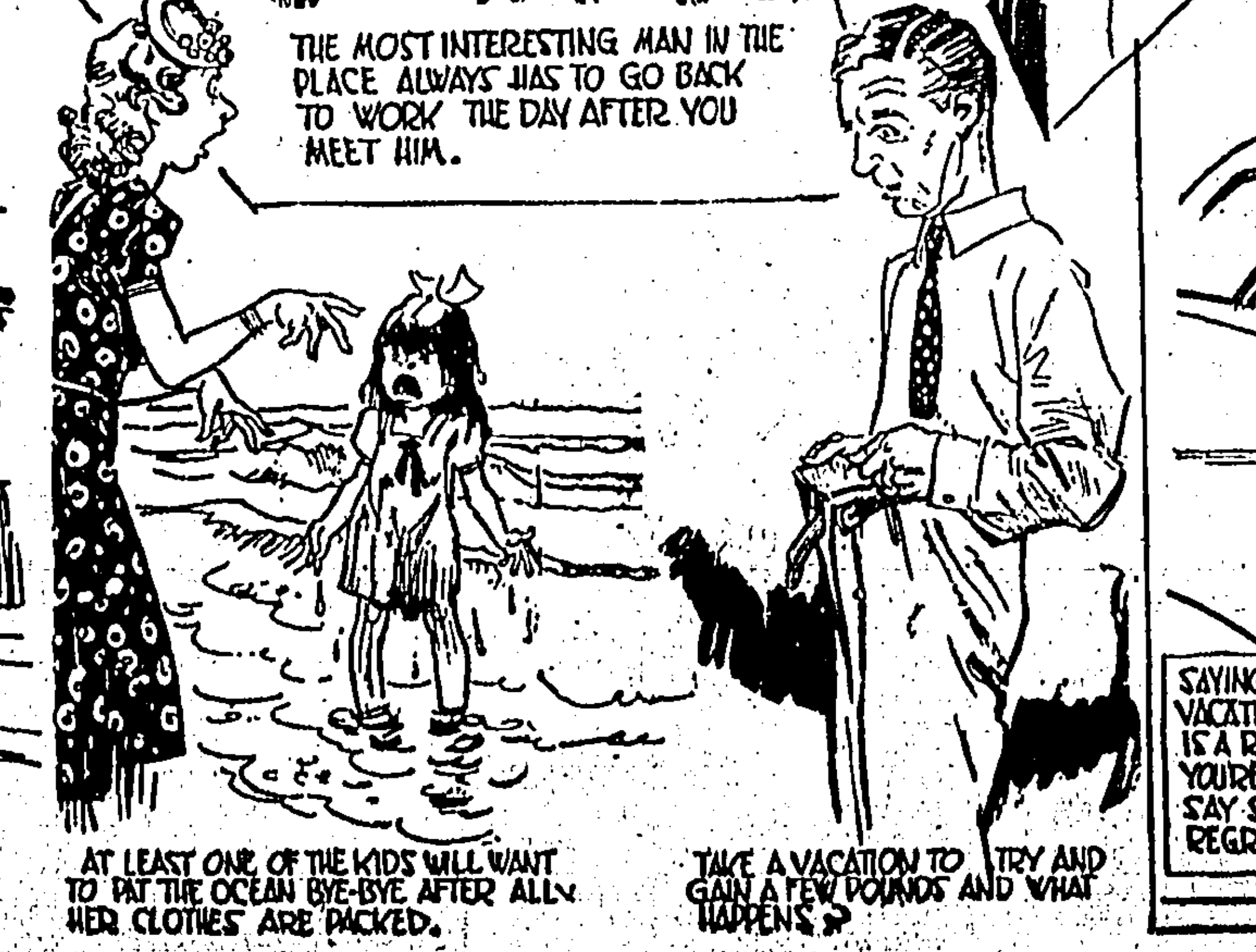
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# BRITAIN'S BLOCKADE CLOSING LIKE VICE

By Walter Hill

On August 1, 1940 the British blockade was extended to the countries conquered by Germany, while the remaining neutrals in Europe are now being strictly rationed.

The loss of the greater part of manufacturing capacity that has fallen into the hands of the French Navy to the Allied cause and the increase in the number of ports controlled by Germany has not seriously weakened Britain's power to cut the Nazis off from non-European sources of supply.

If anything the blockade as an instrument of warfare has become easier to handle, for control can now be exercised largely on the high seas and at the ports of shipment overseas.

The weapon of the blockade is designed to undermine the enemy's gains in iron ore and steel-producing and striking powers by capacity are therefore by no means denying to him the means of replenishing his granaries and his arsenals. It may work slowly, especially if the enemy has secured ample stocks. But it can make a decisive contribution to ultimate victory over the Nazis.

With their overseas supplies of food and raw materials cut off, the Nazis are now dependent on the resources of Europe and on what they can obtain from Russia.

But Russia, even if she were willing, cannot assist them decisively in supplying vital commodities; she still has little to spare and she does not possess the facilities to transport large quantities of materials to Germany and her satellites.

The resources of Continental Europe are nothing like sufficient either to ensure the maintenance of food supplies at the level of recent years or to enable the Nazis to obtain the full benefit of the manufacturing resources that have come under their control by conquest, alliance or intimidation.

In a normal year Continental Europe is not even self-sufficient in the basic foodstuffs for her human and animal population and in the fertilisers necessary to maintain the yield of agriculture. Large quantities of these have to be imported every year from non-European sources of supply. In the three years 1936-38, for example, Continental Europe imported on the average more than 10 million metric tons of grains.

Moreover, owing to the cold winter, the mobilisation of farmers and the destruction of crops caused by invasion, this year's harvest will be smaller than usual.

Nor does Continental Europe produce such conventional necessities as coffee, tea and cocoa and she is normally a large importer of tobacco. But while food supplies will be appreciably smaller, there is foundation for the reports of wholesale starvation, provided the Nazis distribute available supplies fairly.

Interesting corroboration of this came from Zeelen itself on August 15 when it was reported that the French Minister of Agriculture, M. Cassiolot, had declared that France is provided with sufficient food supplies; they the only need to be rationally distributed if effectively employed, will gradually and every French will have all he needs in the coming winter. To let in outside food supplies now would only strengthen the Nazis who gain. They will be short of basic are evidently perturbed about the morale of the people of the countries which they have overrun. Nor will the Nazis be able to secure the full advantage of the

True, they have gained access to the vast French iron ore deposits as well as to those of Luxembourg and Spain, and they have secured their supplies of Swedish ore. They have also at their disposal virtually the whole of Continental Europe's steel-making capacity.

But iron, though quantitatively the most important, is not the only ingredient in modern steel. The tough steel required in war contains metal elements commonly known as steel alloy metals, which are not produced in any quantity in the countries conquered by the Nazis. Germany's designed to undermine the enemy's gains in iron ore and steel-producing and striking powers by capacity are therefore by no means denying to him the means of replenishing his granaries and his arsenals. It may work slowly, especially if the enemy has secured ample stocks. But it can make a decisive contribution to ultimate victory over the Nazis.

Nor, with the notable exception of bauxite, has Germany secured large gains in non-ferrous metals. The control of the big French bauxite deposits will, admittedly, add to her capacity to produce aluminium, a metal which is vital to the manufacture of aircraft.

The big cotton and wool textile industries on the Continent will be of little use to Germany in the absence of overseas supplies of raw cotton and raw wool. Similarly, the jute industry will be idle for lack of Indian raw jute. In flax, on the other hand, the Nazis have secured additional supplies. In the main, however, their textile production will be confined to rayon and related materials.

One of the Nazis' chief problems, however, will be the lack of fuel. In coal they are fairly well supplied, though the 30 million tons normally sent to the Continent by Britain cannot be immediately replaced.

In oil, however, they will suffer a serious shortage when present stocks are exhausted, for the gap between Europe's output and requirements is very wide. In a normal year Germany and the countries either coupled or controlled by her consume some 27 million metric tons of oil per annum. Consumption can be cut down by drastic economies; but it can scarcely be reduced by more than one-third without seriously hampering industry and transport.

But on the most favourable assumptions, Continental Europe can produce only about 12 million tons per annum. The deficiency will thus amount to some 6 million tons annually.

Russia, though a large producer of oil, has little to spare, while access to the supplies of Iraq and Iran is barred by the British blockade.

Though the Nazis have secured substantial immediate advantage by the extension of their hegemony on the Continent, the British blockade, only need to be rationally distributed if effectively employed, will gradually and every French will have all he needs in the coming winter. To let in outside food supplies now would only strengthen the Nazis who gain. They will be short of basic are evidently perturbed about the morale of the people of the countries which they have overrun. Nor will the Nazis be able to secure the full advantage of the

## The Way Of The Civil Service

A BRITISH CORRESPONDENT suggests that the gentleman who wrote to "The Times" recently asking whether civil servants could not be induced to work overtime was on the wrong track. He should have asked, "Cannot civil servants be induced to work?" An energetic friend of ours tells us that the address of the civil servant headquarters in his area shall lose a number of valuable "Station Buildings." People who have to do with the staff nervous breakdown there call it "Stationary Build."

The old adage "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" no play makes Jack a dull boy. Another friend of ours who does was in quite a different department had a staff of a dozen that Jack's intellect becomes clerks under him. Things were dulled as a knife-edge does, and so badly organised that they he cuts less ice.

For overworking civil servants during normal working hours, wants of that sort the R.A.F. But in this sudden violent rule ought to be applied, and they thrust for output they were ought to be ordered out of dered to work overtime till their offices for 24 hours every seven o'clock. So they stopped work. If they are ordered out till seven and were paid for the then, they cannot suffer sub-extra hour, but there still was the feeling that they are letting busy until six.

Admittedly there are vast numbers of permanent civil servants who are quickly overworked, the lower grades of civil serving themselves to death. I want who have not the intelligence of lots of highly-placed gence to rise above the grade of men who stay at their offices clerk and insist on doing everything dangerously late hours, thing strictly according to rule. doubly dangerous in these days of all ages who have taken on of prowling L.D.V.s.

And there are others who, jobs as civil service clerks and after staying as late as they have no real interest in their can, take packets of work home work, and no appreciation of the with them in locked despatch importance of it.



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## They Knew About Mines Before The Armada

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Spain's hold on the Netherlands depends on Antwerp, which was besieged by the Duke of Parma in 1584.

Daring seamen ran the blockade with foodships up the Schelde until Parma sealed this link with a colossal bridge of boats between Killoo and Oordam, where the river was 2,400ft. wide and 60ft. deep.

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Bridge and wooden piers were lined with parapets, and each barge had two pieces of artillery, four sailors and 32 soldiers—a 16th-century floating Maginot Line.

Armed vessels and great land guns guarded the bridge. Heavy rafts, with spikes and hooks to pierce enemy ships, were anchored up and down stream.

Antwerpers were aghast until successful. Fleet and soldiers were ready to pounce on the shattered Spaniards. But he slunk back and told Antwerp that the project had failed. Antwerp surrendered.

The timid people reluctantly gave him two ships 70 and 80 tons—the Fortune and the Hope.

He lined them with bricks and mortar, and put his explosive in marble chambers covered with tombstones. He covered these with wood and bonfires, to persuade the Spaniards that they were ordinary fireships.

The Fortune was fitted with a slow match to set the explosives off; the Hope with a clockwork mechanism for the same purpose.

The Fortune ran ashore and did no harm. But as the Hope struck, the bridge of the Spanish guards leaped aboard and put out the deck fire.

Ensign de Vega plucked the mantle of the Prince of Parma and begged him to return to one of the forts at the ends of the bridge. He did so just in time. The Hope went up in the biggest explosion ever created by man up to that time.

Book In Brief

"Hell Hunger!" By Dr. Martin Gumpert. (Allan and Unwin, 5s. net.) "Mine and Countermine," Hutchinson, 12s. 6d.

## Undermined Germany

THE wishful sinking of the enemy's assets is one of the routine comforts under war strain. Herr Goebbels is a master of the technique. The real proof of strength is the rejection of such essays in self-deception, and the ability to face the truth.

Whenever a book appears on this side of the battle front portraying a Germany tottering on the very brink of collapse, we rightly assume it to be false until proved to be true. Such suspicion is healthy.

Dr. Gumpert quickly weathers all such suspicion. He writes with an overflowing documentation of proof in a field where he is competent himself to judge.

He is a German doctor, once in charge of a clinic in Berlin, now practising abroad. He has made a study of the medical journals and pronouncements (whose technical quality combined with the German habit of thoroughness in statistical research has circumvented the censor) throughout the period of the Nazi "war."

The war, so far as Germany is concerned, began in January, 1933. Although Dr. Gumpert includes in his survey the developments that have manifested themselves since last September, he regards the whole period of Nazi rule as one of cumulative war strain, for throughout that period all considerations in Germany have been subordinated to the purpose of a maximum output of war energy.

His revelation is shattering, yet convincing. He even pleads for pity to be shown to a Germany which is on the point of paying the penalty for Herr Hitler's systematic undermining of the German people's health: that people which "has reached the limit of its physical and psychic working capacity."

Rickets, syphilis, diphtheria, drunkenness, suicide, mental disease, crime have corroded the very fibre of the German man, woman, and child.

The political propaganda against the "Schlingensiefel" or "Fighting Power of Whipped Cream" is shown scientifically to have defeated its object by undermining military strength. As the spirit is stronger than the body, the denial of liberty; too, has damaged physical well-being.

We are given what is perhaps the most interesting of all the statistical revelations, that, while under Hitler, the number of students in universities and technical colleges has badly slumped, the number of theological students has been quadrupled; in one sense because of Hitler. What particular sense that may be is suggested by the fact that theological study has had to be proscribed as a "political crime."

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## CURRENT COMMENT... By Scrutineer

The centre of interest this week is the Balkans, where the invasion of Rumania by the Germans has created problems for Turkey, Russia, Greece and Yugo-Slavia.

Hitherto there has been some wooing of Russia because she had the power to influence policy in favour of one side or the other.

Germany agreed to everything Russia wanted in August 1939 and apparently sold out her interests in the Baltic in order to secure Russia's neutrality in the east, while she dealt with Britain and France in the west.

But Russia's satisfaction with the pact was brief, since Germany promptly proceeded to take back the control of the Baltic by occupying Denmark and Norway, thus once more effectively blocking Russia's exit to the Atlantic.

This was Russia's first experience of Germany's diplomacy. Now Germany has advanced into Rumania, is in control of the oil resources of that country and gives every indication of settling down permanently in this pleasant and fruitful land.

General Antonescu, Rumania's Quisling, issued the invitation which the German army promptly accepted.

This move again puts Russia on the spot. It effectively challenges her position in the Black Sea and threatens her outlet through the Dardanelles.

If Russia accepts this second blow to her prestige and to her existence as a power in Europe, she gives evidence not of strength but of weakness. In both the Baltic and the Black Sea her traditional policy has been paralysed.

It's a very different matter having weak states like Denmark, Norway in the Baltic and Rumania in the Black Sea, from being confronted in both these vital highways with a strongly armed Germany. Instead of nations soliciting aid from Russia she must herself be anxious for help from other countries unless she decides to abdicate from her position and simply wait passively till Germany is free to deal with her through the Ukraine. Hitler's policy is laid down in Mein Kampf so there is no kind of excuse for Russia to plead ignorance of Germany's intentions. It is thought that Russia will come to terms with Japan in order to concentrate her strength in the Balkans where she is threatened and at the same time Japan being freed from anxiety in Manchuria and Mongolia would then be able to go south where opposition at present is not so great.

### NEW ORDER—OUR STYLE

The question which everyone is trying to answer is what is going to happen in China. We have had the China war on our doorsteps for more than three years and we have now had the European war going for more than one year without really being inconvenienced by either. We are quite accustomed therefore to the idea of war.

The change which has come over the American attitude in the Far East is really astonishing. From being yielding and conciliatory and so giving the impression that nothing in the Far East would ever disturb the even tenor of American life, there has sprung up as it were over night a most uncompromising and threatening tone.

Japan for so long has had a monopoly of this sort of language, that one hesitates to believe that America is speaking. Not only does the United States say that she will tolerate no further encroachments on her rights but is busy recalling her nationals from the Far East, reinforcing her

fleet in the Pacific, imposing embargoes, which will be extended, if the situation in the Far East does not change in the direction America wishes.

It is clear that the United States and Great Britain are now determined to establish a new order in Asia. Most foreigners are pleased with the new policy and are only asking why it was not adopted three years ago, or even earlier. It is thought that even if war lies ahead, honour and self-respect are at last assured.

### ITALY'S CHANCES

The success of the Ajax in the recent engagement when it sank three Italian destroyers not only is a matter of rejoicing in itself, but further demonstrates the fact that the British fleet parades the Mediterranean Sea at will.

Though deprived of the help of the French fleet and of their bases, the British naval forces, greatly increased in strength, has given fresh evidence, if that were needed, of its efficiency and readiness to deal with the Italian fleet if and when it comes into action.

There is little doubt about the result of a naval engagement with the Italians, and because of that it must be evident to the Italians themselves that a victory for them in this war is in the highest degree improbable. British supremacy on the oceans remains unchallenged.

If Italy cannot force a way through the Suez Canal, then the armies in Eritrea and Abyssinia must perish for lack of supplies. Suez is the main highway in this war in the middle East and so long as it can be safeguarded Italy's position in North Africa is perilous.

There is no doubt that the coming battle between the forces of General Wavell and Graziani will be crucial and because of that there is a good deal of hesitation and preparation before seeking a final decision in this part of the world. The recent assertion of the power of the British fleet however is reassuring for it means that our land forces are supported from the sea.

### POSITION IN SPAIN

There are several things to be grateful for just now, the trans-

fer of the fifty American destroyers, the reduction last week in the loss of British merchantships which in the previous week was very heavy and was due to the wider area and the more numerous bases available to German U-boats.

Then there is the fact that Spain still remains outside the Axis. It is reasonable to expect that Spain will now decide to hold aloof.

Having seen what General Antonescu has done for Rumania, the Spaniards will feel that Mr. Suner should not be allowed to bring about a similar condition of servitude for Spain.

It is astonishing that men like Antonescu should exist and that they should be ready to bring in a foreign power by the aid of which they themselves get authority at the expense of the nation's freedom.

There has been little news about Spain except that Mr. Suner went abroad as a representative of the Falangist party and not of the Spanish government. There are many reasons why Spain should stay out of the struggle and only one which would take her in.

She wants to recover Gibraltar, but in order to do so Franco must lose control of Spain—rather a heavy price to pay for the help of Italian and German forces. Spain's commerce would also be cut off with South American countries, where so many Spaniards live and dislike the Nazi regime.

Then the United States would view Spain's alignment with the Axis very unfavourably and it is unlikely that the Catholic Church would want to associate with Germany now that she has entered into a pact with Russia.

It looks as though Germany hesitated between an advance through Spain and the occupation of Rumania. Owing to the demand for oil, and the fear of the loss of the Rumanian supply the Germans decided to send armies into Rumania and let Spain wait for a while.

With regard to Portugal it was said some time ago that the Germans could take it by telephone when they wished. We are so accustomed now to Germany ignoring neutrality that it is simply a question of whose turn next, and choice depending on Germany and not on the comparatively defenceless state.

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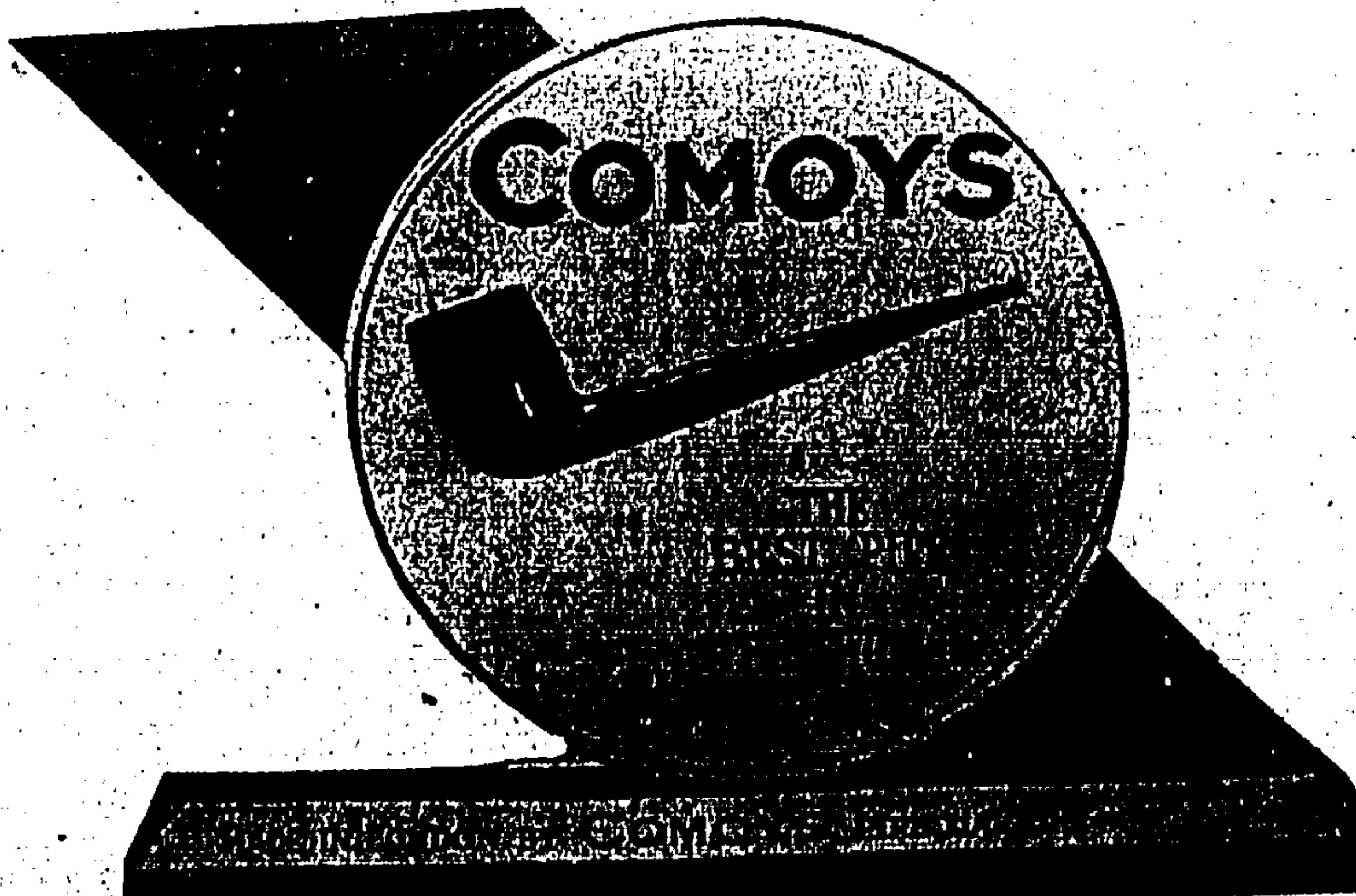
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